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WALK An English dog owner has been fined after taking his pet for a stroll while driving next to him in his car. Prosecutors said Paul Railton, 23, was spotted driving at low speed along a country lane in December, holding his dog's leash through the car window as the animal trotted alongside. Railton was ordered Monday by magistrates in Consett, northeast England, to pay a 66-pound ($100) fine, plus costs.

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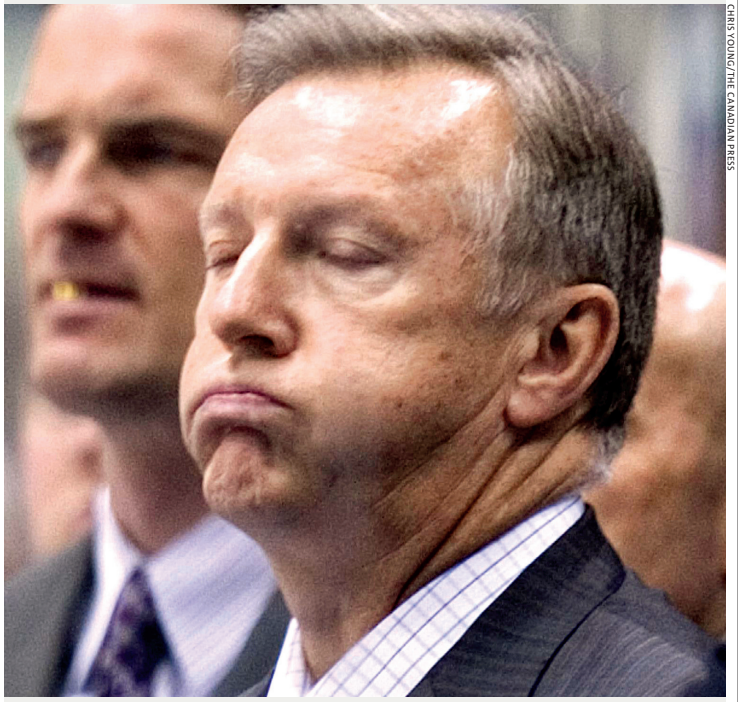

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Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Ron Wilson seems frustrated while watching his team against the Carolina Hurricanes last night at the Air Canada Centre. Even after a lengthy break for the Olympics, the Leafs still couldn't find the win column, losing 5-1 to the Hurricanes. Link to exclusive Leafs game report and highlights. See the top of page 17.

Selective editing

Immigration minister nixed gay rights in guide: Report

Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney blocked any reference to gay rights in a new study guide for immigrants applying for Canadian citizenship, The Canadian Press has learned.

Excluded

- Liberal MP Scott Brison, who was married in a same-sex ceremony in 2007, said the Conservatives carefully excluded from the guide the charter rights they don't agree with.

Internal documents show an early draft of the guide contained sections noting homosexuality was decriminalized in 1969; that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms forbids discrimination based on sexual orientation; and that same-sex marriage was legalized nationally in 2005.

But Kenney, who fought same-sex marriage when it was debated in Parliament, ordered those key sections removed when his office sent its comments to the department last June. Senior department officials duly cut out the material, but made a last-ditch plea with Kenney in early August to have it reinstated.

In the end, however, Kenney's view trumped that of the bureaucrats. The 63-page guide, released last November, contains no mention of gay and lesbian rights.

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These Casanovas are after more than your heart

DATING Likes: Long walks to the bank. Dislikes: Women who ask too many questions. Favourite movies: The Illusionist; The Man Who Wasn't There; Catch Me If You Can. Interested in: A serious relationship with your cash.

Local ladies, take note. If a man you meet through an online dating website claims he is a doctor working for a Nigerian charity and asks you for money, chances are he is even more deceitful than the other men you may have met online.

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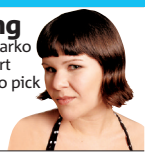

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NDP accuses Liberals of hiding true costs of HST

Ontario's government is intentionally hiding information about the impact the 13 per cent harmonized sales tax will have on gasoline when it comes into effect July 1, the New Democrats charged yesterday.

Finance Minister Dwight Duncan knew the facts when he told the legislature that he didn't know the extra cost the average Ontario motorist will face because of the HST, which will add eight per cent in tax to the retail price of gas, said NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

"The minister is deliberately withholding the basic facts about the HST," Horwath told the legislature. "People have the right to know how much the HST is going to cost them, and he has that information."

The NDP gave reporters copies of a freedom of information request it made last June to find out what studies the government had showing the projected impact of the HST on energy costs, documents the government wasn't willing to give up.

Releasing charts, graphs and summaries on the HST "could give rise to a negative effect on consumer confidence and lead to a decrease in consumer spending, thereby adversely affecting the economy," was the response, repeated seven times, in a letter denying the NDP the documents.

The government's tax package, which also includes cuts to corporate and personal income taxes, will help create 600,000 jobs over the next decade, said Duncan, who blasted the NDP for taking the freedom of information documents out of context.

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TONY BOCK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath yesterday accused the provincial government of withholding the true cost of the HST from Ontarians.

Councillor still waiting for new homeless shelter

POVERTY The original $5-million price tag for a new 40-bed homeless shelter has doubled, and construction delays have pushed back its opening by several months.

The new Peter Street shelter, a refurbished former nightclub in the Entertainment District, was supposed to be open by now. Late last year, city staff had suggested the facility would launch in March, but area councillor Adam Vaughan says he has yet to be told when it will start operating.

"We're just waiting," he adds. But the sooner the controversial centre can open, the sooner the neighbourhood can get comfortable with it, he adds.

The shelter will offer homeless people what most don't: Actual help in getting a permanent home. The goal at 129 Peter St. will be to get people "stabilized" and on to a real home, preferably within days.

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Creba defendants confessed after shootout, trial told

COURT Tyshaun Barnett and Louis Woodcock, the final two young men accused in the Boxing Day shootout that killed teenager Jane Creba, confessed to being in a gunfight that night, one of the Crown's key witnesses testified yesterday.

At first, K.B.J., who was 17 at the time of the high-profile murder, couldn't recall what his former friends had said after describing how they, and two others, came over to his basement apartment sometime "after dark" on Dec. 26, 2005.

Crown attorney Maurice Gillezeau suggested he "refresh" his memory by reading a transcript of testimony he gave at the preliminary hearing.

" 'I hope I didn't hit anybody, I hope I didn't hit her,' " K.B.J. testified that Woodcock, 22, his one-time roommate, told him.

Barnett, also 22, said the "other guys started firing at them" and that he "didn't think he hit nobody."

"He told me he pulled, released some, and started running," K.B.J testified, adding, moments later, that Barnett said he had "popped off" some and "ran with everybody else."

Creba, 15, was fatally shot after being hit by a stray bullet while shopping on crowded Yonge Street just after 5 p.m. Several others were wounded.

Woodcock and Barnett have pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder, attempted murder and aggravated assault.

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News in brief

CRASH A Peel regional police officer is in hospital fighting for his life after a late-night crash in Brampton. The officer's cruiser collided with a second vehicle on Airport Road at Steeles Avenue just after 11 p.m. on Monday. The impact of the crash sent the police cruiser careening into a light pole. Airport Road was closed for several hours as investigators surveyed the scene for evidence. Peel police remain tight-lipped about the details and would not publicly release the officer's name or age.

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Suspects sought in assault of elderly couple

Police are investigating after an elderly couple was assaulted in a home invasion in Vaughan Friday evening. Two male suspects fled the scene after a passer-by called police. The suspects are described as male, 5-foot-7 with thin builds. The male victim was sent to hospital and later released. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Hundreds rally against gas plant

Premier Dalton McGuinty assured protesters yesterday that the province will take all necessary precautions to ensure they're not put in any danger when a gas-fired plant is built in their community but gave no indication he'd consider scrapping the plan.

About 500 people rallied at the legislature to demand that the government kill plans to build a gas-fired power plant in Oakville. Having an explosive substance so close to schools and homes isn't safe, the protesters argued, especially in the wake of a blast in Connecticut that killed six workers as they were clearing gas lines last month.

The plant is needed to meet the province's growing energy demands, McGuinty said, adding that he will follow all the rules and regulations required to ensure Ontario facilities are safe.

His comments did little to appease Oakville Mayor Rob Burton, who called the plan a "dumb" idea that must be scrapped.

Liberal backbencher Kevin Flynn, who represents the riding of Oakville, will introduce a private member's bill next week asking that gas plants in Ontario be put a certain distance away from any community.

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Weisz **On the job**

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Byelections not likely to upset cart, says prof

VOTE The two byelections in eastern Ontario likely won't change the makeup of the legislature or send a message of protest to Premier Dalton McGuinty, said Bryan Evans, a politics professor at Ryerson University.

"I think that the big story is that there's no story here," he said.

"I'm not going to really go out on a limb, but I don't think there will be any change."

He said he would be "shocked" if the rural riding of Leeds-Grenville, which has flown Tory blue for nearly three decades, switches sides. And the Liberals will likely hang on to the suburban riding of Ottawa West-Nepean, given the party's star candidate Bob Chiarelli is an ex-Ottawa mayor who had previously held the riding for 10 years.

Despite the "plethora of issues" that voters could protest — from tax harmonization to cash-strapped hospitals — the Liberals have had "phenomenal success" in byelections, Evans said.

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Fundraisers kick off social action

EDUCATION Students gathered pennies for Port-au-Prince and paid for the right to wear a ball cap to school. They made and sold Haiti ribbons and bracelets, and played basketball and bingo for charity.

Coin by coin, Canada's largest school board has raised $625,000 for Haiti, which becomes $1.25 million with Ottawa's matching funds.

The drive marks the start of a new focus on social justice across the Toronto District School Board, which will require every school to undertake two projects each year: One global and one local.

To help schools think of projects, the board will hold a fair every year to connect non-profit agencies with students and teachers. "Summer academies" will help struggling Grade 9 students learn the basics of literacy and social action.

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Coroner to hold inquest on teen's death

The case of an Ontario teen who died while being rushed to hospital after a car crash in the Niagara region will be probed by a coroner's inquest. Dr. Andrew McCallum, Ontario's chief coroner, announced the inquest yesterday into the Dec. 27 death of 18-year-old Reilly Anzovino. THE CANADIAN PRESS

World-class mathletes

The students at St. Margaret's Public School love to do the math — and right now they're competing in a live, online, 48-hour math marathon, up against two million kids around the globe.

Until 6 a.m. tomorrow, most will spend their mornings, recesses, lunches and even time out of class to complete hundreds of the timed, 60-second quizzes. A few are expected to place among the best in the world, as students — and the school itself — have for the past two years.

The great thing about the World Maths Day competition, which began in 2007, is that it is not just for the math whizzes, points out principal Michelle Mayers, motioning to one girl who counts on her fingers as she solves problems. Another girl in senior kindergarten, who has shown some potential in math, is taking the test at a computer in her classroom.

It has created a real love of numbers at the school, with 120 of 380 in the school registered for the online competition, and who regularly come out for weekly math league sessions. Students write any number of mathematics competitions throughout the year.

"We release kids for basketball tournaments and volleyball tournaments, so why not this?" said Mayers.

Rafsan Kabir, who also competed last year, loves the math league and likes the challenge of the World Maths Day competition.

"You are against everyone around the world," he said. "It tests quickness, reflexes — and how well you know your times tables."

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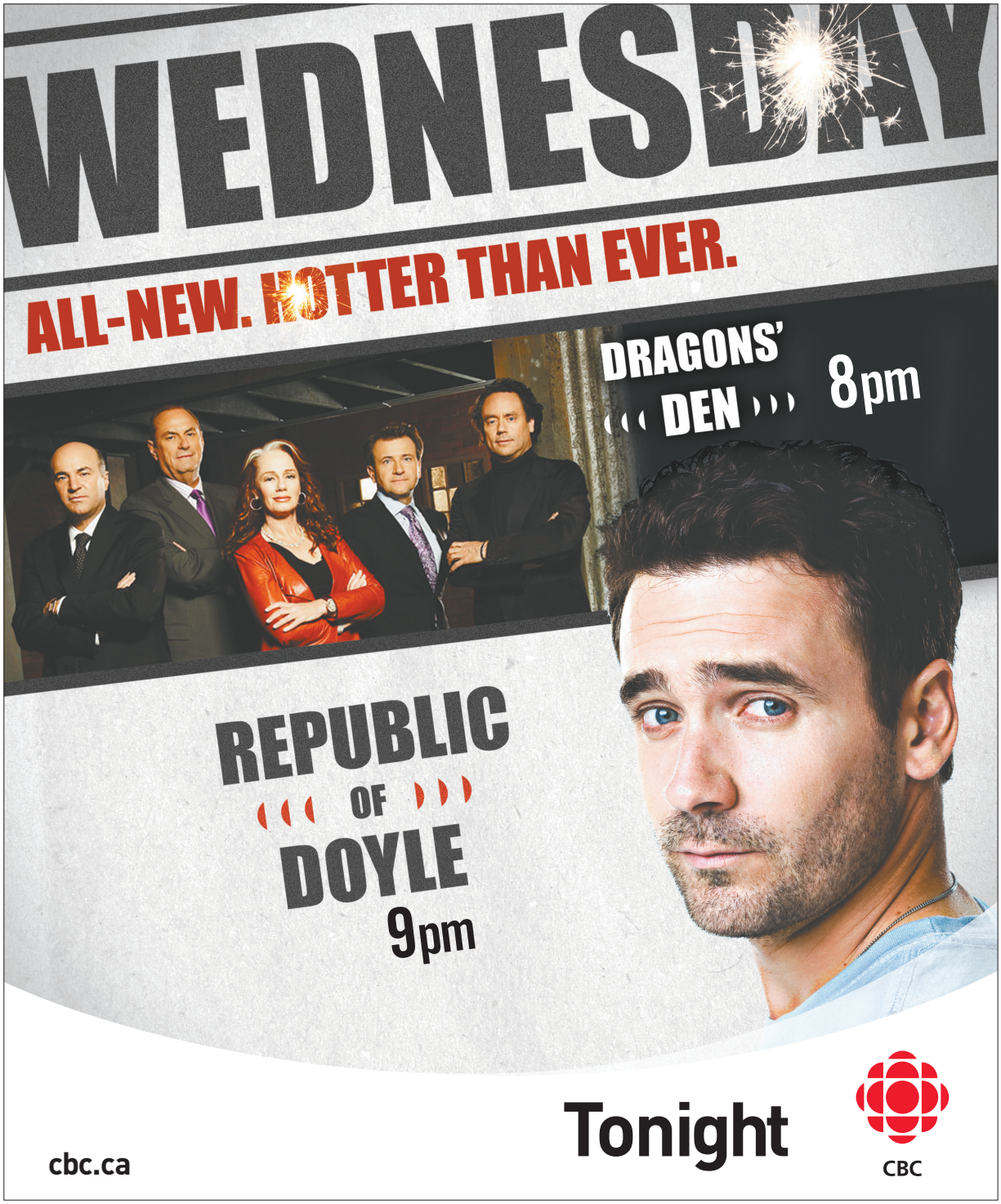
Grade 7 student Rafsan Kabir completes a round of mathematical questions at St. Margaret's Public School. Kabir is one of the top ranked math students in the world for his age group.



VIA sees delays as train derails near Cornwall

TRAINS There were no dangerous goods and no one was injured when a freight train derailed near Morrisburg, west of Cornwall, yesterday afternoon.

But Via Rail service was being disrupted between Toronto and Montreal and there was no word when the line would be back in service.

Canadian National spokesman Frank Binder says 10 of 25 cars on the derailed train were carrying ingots used in smelters. The rest of the cars were empty.

Via says passenger service is being affected along the Toronto-Ottawa-Montreal corridor. Trains are being rerouted or cancelled.

Binder says it's not known how long the track will remain closed.

The cause of the derailment is not yet known.

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Coyote makes off with small dog in Pickering

WILDLIFE A coyote snatched a small dog Monday while a woman was walking two of the pets in the Rouge River ravine near Pickering, just east of Toronto.

Police say the coyote struck while the 24-year-old woman was walking two Pomeranians, making off into the woods with the smaller of the dogs.

The woman and the other dog were not hurt.

Family members say they spotted the coyote, but police were unable to find either the coyote or the missing dog.

Neighbours in the area have told police of multiple sightings of a coyote in the area.

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N.B. finance minister urges continued equalization payments

New Brunswick's finance minister says it's imperative there be no cuts to equalization in this week's federal budget. Greg Byrne says equalization and transfers make up about 25 per cent of his provincial budget, so it's critical the funds continue to flow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Canadian rock banned after U.S. loss

Canada's 3-2 overtime victory in Sunday's Olympic men's hockey final over the United States didn't sit well with a Buffalo, N.Y., radio station. Radio station WEDG banned Canadian rock, such as Neil Young, left, from the station all day Monday. "We're Americans and as such we have to do something that makes us feel just a little better," the station said on its website. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spending to restraint era

Parliament returns today with overview of Tories' fiscal plans

Parliament emerges today from extended winter hibernation with a throne speech outlining the Harper government's agenda for weaning the country off its recession-driven spending binge and back onto the path of economic prosperity and fiscal probity.

Sight unseen, opposition parties are skeptical the document will offer any dramatically new direction that would justify Prime Minister Stephen Harper's controversial decision to suspend Parliament, which was to have resumed Jan. 25.

They intend to use the belated return of Parliament to zero in on Harper's supposed character defects: His alleged lust for unrestrained power and his contempt for democratic institutions.

But however heated the rhetoric, an electoral stalemate between the Conservatives and Liberals all but guarantees neither of the main parties will try to trigger an election.

The 6,000-plus word throne speech — expected to take Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean at least an hour to read — will reiterate plans to dispense some $19 billion this year as part of the second phase of the government's economic action plan.

But a senior government official said it will make clear that the stimulus taps will be turned off entirely by March 31, 2011. That will likely come as a disappointment to some municipalities that had hoped for more time to complete infrastructure projects.

After that, the speech will outline an overall plan for reining in spending — possibly including scaling back MPs' generous pension plan — with details to be fleshed out in Thursday's federal budget.

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Victoria **Budget draws protesters**

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Protesters demonstrate outside the British Columbia legislature before B.C. Finance Minister Colin Hansen tabled the provincial budget in Victoria yesterday.

Tories, Grits in dead heat: Poll

POLITICS The return of Parliament today offers a series of confidence votes, but new polling data suggests that neither the Tories nor the Liberals would want to hazard a quick trip to the voting booths.

The two-week survey of political support conducted Feb. 18-28 by The Canadian Press Harris-Decima suggests the Tories and Liberals are dead even at 31 per cent.

The NDP had support from 16 per cent of respondents, the Greens had 12 and the Bloc Québécois was at eight.

A brief spike in Liberal support, widely attributed to anger over the decision to prorogue Parliament, seems to have evaporated.

The Conservatives haven't been able to cash in on their deft handling of the Haiti earthquake crisis or public euphoria over the Olympics.

"For all the hyperventilating about leads and declines, it appears that the so-called 'new normal' in Canadian politics is a statistical tie between the two main parties," said pollster Allan Gregg.

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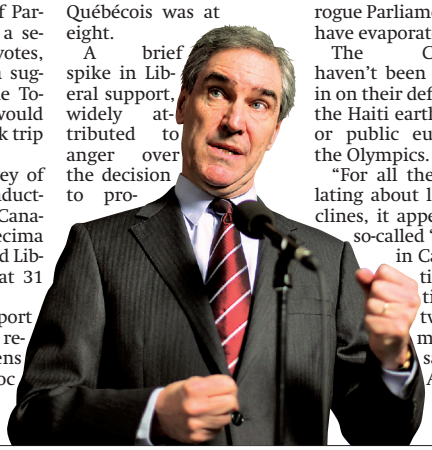

Michael Ignatieff

Prosecuting teen for impregnating cousin not easy, lawyer admits

COURT A 19-year-old northern Ontario man who got his 13-year-old cousin pregnant has been handed a nine-month jail sentence in a case the Crown prosecutor called one of the hardest she's dealt with.

In an interview from Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Crown lawyer Nancy Komsa called the situation sad.

"It's a very difficult situation — it's probably one of the worst sentencings I've done," Komsa said yesterday.

"It's a very difficult situation." Lawyer Nancy Komsa

The older teen was convicted Monday of sexual assault after court heard the cousins had sex 47 times over a two-month span last fall. He also pleaded guilty to charges of sexual interference and invitation to sexual touching, both of which were stayed.

Court heard the girl willingly had sex with the man, whom she considered her boyfriend.

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News in brief

VETERANS The federal government plans to hold a commemorative ceremony April 9 to honour Canadians who served in the First World War. The ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa is one of several events to be held countrywide on the anniversary of the day in 1917 when Canadians took Vimy Ridge in France.

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Ontario man gets banned for life from owning cats
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Home from Haiti

Relief crew returns to hero's welcome

Crew members of HMCS Halifax ran into the arms of loved ones yesterday, after returning from a six-week deployment to earthquake-ravaged Haiti.

Hundreds of families and friends gathered at the navy dockyard in downtown Halifax to welcome the crew back home.

Back in the frigate's namesake port, they reflected with pride on their sense of achievement and the unfinished work left on the island nation.

The military sent two of its Halifax-based ships — Halifax and the destroyer HMCS Athabaskan — to Haiti after the devastating earthquake Jan. 12 that levelled much of the country, killing more than 200,000 people. It's not known when Athabaskan will return.

The primary task of the 225 crew members aboard Halifax involved humanitarian relief to the residents of Jacmel, a port city with widespread damage.

The crew cleared rubble-clogged streets, and built latrines and showers to ensure Haitians living in camps had clean water.

"There's going to be years of work left there," Lt. Andrew Tunstall said. "The smiles on their faces, and the Canadian flags that they had found and raised ... I walked away knowing that we had accomplished something."

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Families of HMCS Halifax crew members, who have spent six weeks helping in Haiti, welcome them home yesterday in Halifax.

Mistaken mastectomy leads to legal action

COURT The Leamington woman whose case sparked an investigation into wrongful mastectomies in Windsor is taking legal action.

Laurie Johnston, whose lawyer says she has filed a claim for wrongful surgery, will speak about the case today in Toronto.

Johnston underwent a mastectomy last November, performed by Dr. Barbara Heartwell, then found out she did not have breast cancer.

Her case, and that of Janice Laporte, whose breast was removed by Heartwell in 2001, despite not having breast cancer, have prompted a series of investigations by the Ontario government, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario and Hotel-Dieu Hospital, where the mastectomies took place.

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London man charged with performing dental surgery without licence

Police in London, Ont., have alerted health officials after charging a man with practising dental surgery without a licence. Police armed with a search warrant went to a home and arrested Humberto Salano Rosania, 46, on Monday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Positive economic outlook

Bank of Canada keeping interest rate at historic lows

The Bank of Canada is keeping interest rates at historic lows for a few more months, while sending out signals that the economy is rebounding strongly and could trigger inflationary pressures.

The central bank's more positive take on the economy follows Monday's outsized five-per-cent fourth quarter growth announcement and sent the loonie even higher.

"The level of economic activity in Canada has been slightly higher than the bank had projected in January," the bank said yesterday. "The economy grew at an annual rate of five per cent in the fourth quarter of 2009, spurred by vigorous domestic spending and further recovery in exports."

The "slightly higher" language may be an understatement, as the bank had projected growth of only 3.3 per cent for the last three months of 2009.

The bank also noted that "core inflation" has been slightly firmer than projected, although it added that some of the price increases were due to transitory factors.

The governing council continued to reiterate that despite the improved conditions, they would likely leave the overnight rate where it has been since last spring — at 0.25 per cent — until at least July.

But some economists weren't buying it and the reaction of the money markets suggested that there may be some pressure on governor Mark Carney to move ahead of schedule.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Student files human rights complaint against Quebec

QUEBEC A Muslim student who was kicked out of a class for wearing a religious face-covering has filed a complaint with the Quebec Human Rights Commission, accusing the government of trampling her human rights.

But the government is sticking by its guns. A spokesman for the province's immigration minister says the woman could have stayed in the class had she removed her niqab for certain exercises.

The woman's teachers say the garment kept her from improving her enunciation. The school asked the government to intervene after it spent months trying to accommodate her religious beliefs, including allowing her to give oral presentations with her back to the class.

The government is earning plaudits, even from moderate Muslim groups.

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Greek prime minister warns of more spending cuts
Prime Minister George Papandreou called on Greeks to brace for more painful spending cuts to deal with an unprecedented financial crisis, saying their sacrifices were essential to national survival. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Ukrainian coalition dissolves

Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko's pro-Western Orange coalition dissolved yesterday as her former allies turned against her, setting her up to be ousted in a no-confidence vote. The development spells the final repudiation of the Orange Revolution Tymoshenko, left, helped lead in 2004, and paves the way for Ukraine's new Russian-friendly president to consolidate his power. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. senator playing hardball with bill

The angry man of the U.S. Senate is at it again.

Republican Senator Jim Bunning, 78, is playing hardball on Capitol Hill, single-handedly holding up a $10 billion US spending bill because it would add to the deficit.

The move has forced some 2,000 federal employees into unpaid furloughs, put jobless benefits in jeopardy for millions and halted more than 40 highway projects.

Because of his ornery nature and ungovernable mouth, Bunning has come to be regarded as the crazy uncle in the Senate attic during his 11 years in Washington. He is retiring after this session and there isn't much anyone can do to keep him in line.

"I think the older he gets, the more cantankerous he becomes," said Kentucky Republican Larry Forgy, a two-time candidate for governor and one of Bunning's biggest admirers. "He's as tough as a pine knot. He doesn't care what they say about him."

It's not the first time Bunning has made others cringe.

Last year, he had to apologize after he predicted Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, would be dead within a year.

Bunning

During his 2004 re-election campaign, which he narrowly won, he said his Democratic opponent — Daniel Mongiardo, who is of Italian descent — looked "like one of Saddam Hussein's sons." He apologized for that, too.

Few people in Kentucky, where the senator has been in politics for more than 30 years, were surprised last week when he stopped legislation that would have extended funding for a variety of federal programs, including the flood insurance that many people in the nation's heartland rely on when the spring flood season arrives.

"He's cruel," said George Boyd, who lost his job a year ago and could be affected by the impasse. "He's heartless. He doesn't think about the needs of other people." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pre-politics

- Jim Bunning is a Baseball Hall of Fame pitcher, having thrown two no-hitters, including a perfect game for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1964.

Women forced to be sterilized: Group

UZBEKISTAN A human rights group and a think-tank allege that Uzbekistan's government has instructed health workers to surgically sterilize women as part of a campaign to reduce the birth rate of the authoritarian ex-Soviet nation.

Uzbekistan's government retains strict Soviet-style control over health institutions in the predominantly Muslim central asian nation of 27 million, whose population has been growing quickly.

The Expert Working Group, an independent think-tank based in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent, said yesterday that a Health Ministry decree issued in mid-February orders district doctors to recommend hysterectomy as an "effective contraceptive." The procedure requires partial removal of the uterus and makes women irreversibly sterile.

The decree orders each district physician to persuade "at least two women" a month to have the procedure, the group's co-ordinator said. Physicians who don't follow the decree face reprisals and fines from their superiors, he added. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Philippines **Threat of demolition**

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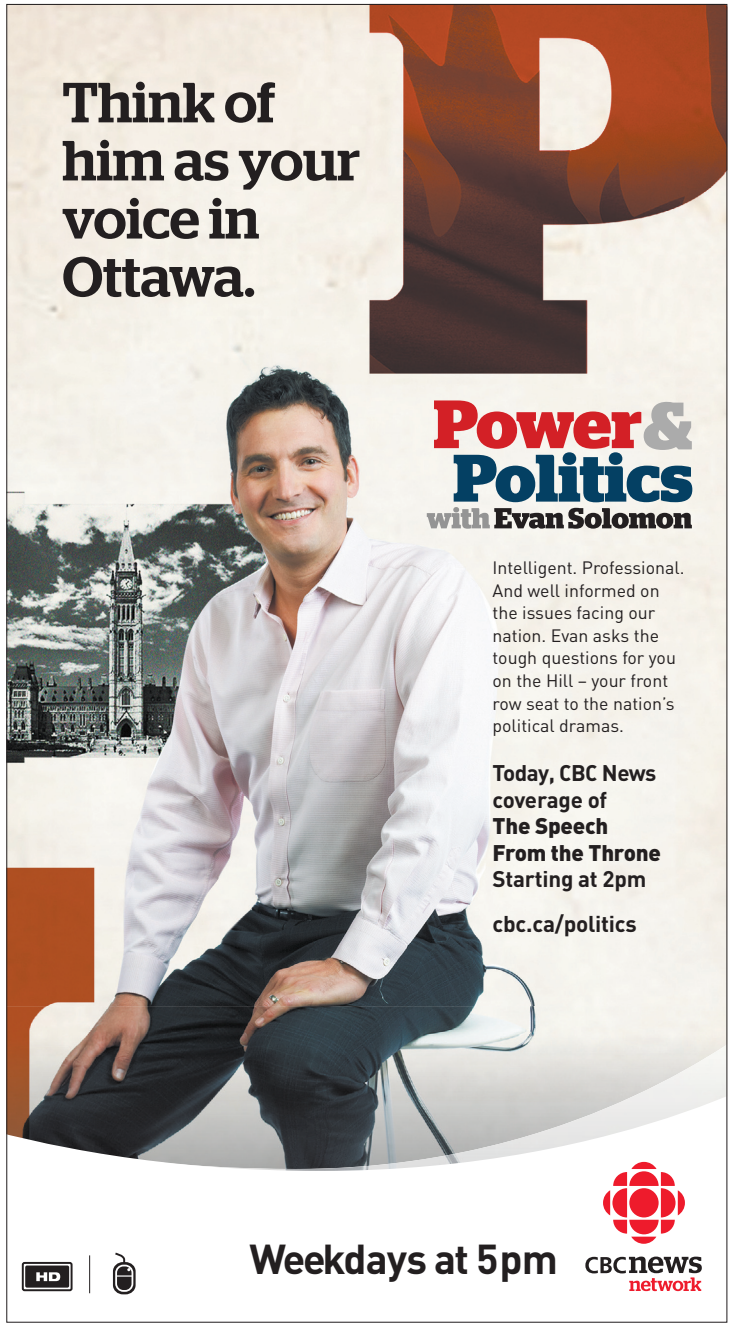
Residents try to grab the equipment of a demolition team to prevent their homes from being demolished in suburban Navotas, north of Manila, yesterday. The Philippine government has planned to modernize the capital by improving its infrastructure but thousands of squatters may have to be relocated.

News in brief

UGANDA Rivers of mud swamped houses, stores and at least one school after heavy rains in Uganda, killing at least 70 people with some 250 still missing, officials and survivors said yesterday. Rains that began Monday evening continued through the night, triggering landslides in the Bududa region. The region has long suffered from landslides but rarely has the death toll been so high. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Jerusalem plan doesn't sit well with Palestinians, UN

Jerusalem's mayor unveiled a plan yesterday to demolish dozens of Palestinian homes to make room for a tourist centre in one of the disputed city's most volatile neighbourhoods, drawing criticism from Palestinians and the United Nations. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chilean survivors recount quake horror

The 40 retirees enjoying summer vacation at a seaside campground nestled under pine trees knew they had to move fast after Chile's powerful earthquake struck.

They didn't make it. The tsunami came in three waves, surging 200 metres into the Pacific Ocean resort town of Pelluhue and dragging away the bus they had piled into, hoping to get to high ground. Most of those inside were the retired Chileans, and only five of their bodies had been found by yesterday, firefighters and witnesses said.

"You could hear the screams of children, women, everyone. There were the screams, and then a tremendous silence."
Claudio Escalona

Pelluhue's horror underscored the destruction wrought by Saturday's predawn 8.8-magnitude quake, which killed nearly 800 people and set off spates of looting in shattered towns without food, water or electricity.

Most of the deaths came in communities along Chile's south-central coast — those closest to the quake's epicentre — in the wine-growing Maule region that includes Pelluhue.

Survivors here found about 20 bodies, and an estimated 300 homes were destroyed.

Most residents were aware of the tsunami threat; street signs pointed to the nearest tsunami evacuation route. The ruins of homes, television sets, clothes, dishwashers and dead fish cover the town's black sand beaches.

"We ran through the highest part of town, yelling, 'Get out of your homes!'" said Claudio Escalona, 43, who fled his home near the campground with his wife and daughters, ages four and six. "About 20 minutes later came three waves, two of them huge, about six metres each, and a third even bigger. That one went into everything."

"You could hear the screams of children, women, everyone," Escalona said. "There were the screams, and then a tremendous silence."

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Field hospitals and generators are among the list of urgently needed aid Chile has requested from Canada. Scan this code for the story.

News in brief

IRELAND A Roman Catholic diocese at the centre of Ireland's child-abuse scandals appealed yesterday to its parishioners to cover some of its more than $14 million US in bills to victims and lawyers. The Ferns diocese's chief financial officer, Eugene Doyle, said the church had no option but to ask its faithful for help. He estimated that 100,000 members in 80 parishes would be asked to contribute $85,000 annually for the next 20 years.

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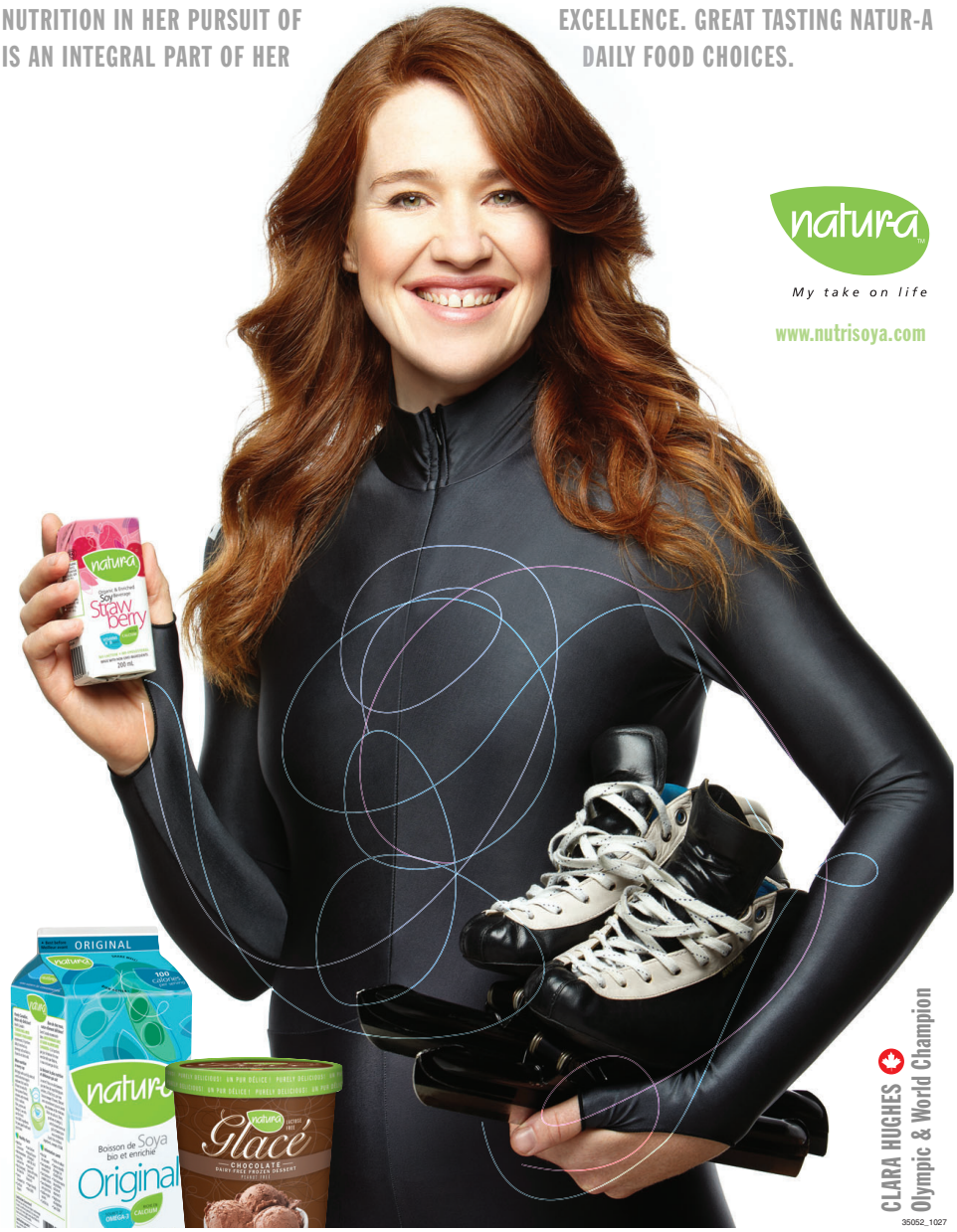

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BBC brings the axe to radio, web pages

Britain's venerable BBC is overhauling its domestic coverage, shedding radio stations, slicing the number of its web pages by half and moving out of magazines.

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BBC director Mark Thompson stands outside Television Center in west London, after the closure of digital radio stations 6 Music and the Asian Network was confirmed yesterday.

The BBC says it wants to focus on quality over quantity, but commentators say the move aims to placate critics who allege the state-sponsored media giant is suffocating its private rivals. Whatever the case, the BBC's foreign audience — from Afghan listeners of BBC Pashto to American fans of Antiques Roadshow — aren't likely to see much in the way of changes. And at a time when U.S. media organizations such as ABC have promised massive layoffs in their news operations, the nearly 90-year-old broadcaster says it's putting money into its journalism. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Law limits gun controls: Court

POLITICS The Supreme Court appeared willing yesterday to say that the U.S. Constitution's right to possess guns limits state and local regulation of firearms. But the justices also suggested that some gun control measures might not be affected.

The court heard arguments in a case that challenges handgun bans in the Chicago area by asking the high court to extend to state and local jurisdictions the sweep of its 2008 decision striking down a gun ban in the federal enclave of Washington, D.C. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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A new golden age for Canadians

TheWestView

Much is being made of Canada's gold record at the 2010 Olympics: 14 gold, the most ever.

Quite an accomplishment, but we should check the math: The final tally is more like 34,019,726 gold, one for every single Canadian.

Neil Young, who haunted Sunday's closing ceremonies like a ghost from Winnipeg, sang Long May You Run, which was nice, if the wrong Olympic season, but he could have really hit the target with Heart Of Gold, a more evocative — and accurate — celebration of the New Canadian Attitude (trademark registered).

It was born on the streets of Vancouver, as thousands lined up for hours for a chance to buy Olympic gear branded Canada, no matter that it was made in China. The new 'tude burst free on the final day when Team Canada wrote the mother of all happy endings in the gold-medal hockey game.

The Canuck genie is out of the bottle and with any luck it won't look around, come to its senses and crawl back into the bottle with a meek little apology.

Somehow, over the last two weeks, the people took over from the nattering negativists of the media (your friendly columnist included), and stopped the complaining. So what if it rains all the time or it's crowded or the stupid hydraulic arm doesn't work and the Games cost more money than the GDP of Uzbekistan, etc. We rock. Jon Montgomery rocks. Joannie Rochette rocks. Nickelback rocks. Canada rocks.

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For me, the New Canadian Attitude came out loud and proud in that ridiculous Michael Bublé-Busby Berkeley production number with the giant inflatable beavers and flying moose that capped the closing ceremonies. What a magnificent combination of hoser humour, uncharacteristic excess, unbridled goodwill and Molson-induced pride. You want Canada? You got it!

Here's the thing. The Games are over and the guests have gone home: How long will the golden grins last? How long before the negativists, who have been lurking patiently in the dark shadows, re-emerge, fingers wagging, hands wringing, scolding us to remember all the things that pull us apart?

This coming of age thing is interesting, especially how it goes down elsewhere. The British media are furiously trying to stuff us back into the bottle, complaining about an unseemly display of national jingoism from a country that once knew its place. Our American cousins, however, are extending a hand across the border: Welcome to the world, kid. You're looking good.

And now, as goalie Roberto Luongo said at the end of the greatest game ever: "It doesn't matter what they say. I've got the gold around my neck. They can't take that away from me."

Or me. Or you.

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Word on the street: On a scale of one to 10, how would you rate the Vancouver Olympics?

Bob Newmans
Toronto

A: I think it was excellent. It started out shaky but it finished off in such a fantastic way. I couldn't believe the amount of enthusiasm ... I would rate it a nine.

Simone dos Anjos
Toronto

A: I rate it a 10. Sid the Kid killed it, and Celine didn't show up.

Paul Chao
Toronto

A: The Vancouver Olympics is definitely an easy 10. There's only been a handful of times where an event has united a country like the 2010 Olympics did.

Sulhee Kim
Vancouver

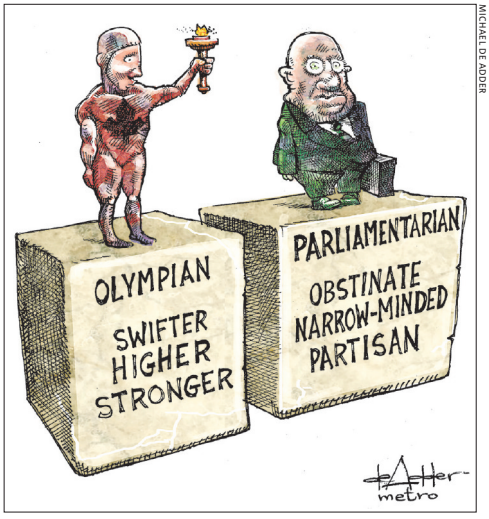
A: Nine. (Vancouver) is a very quiet city, but during the Olympics people had patience and lots of enthusiasm, so many people in the streets high-fiving.

Adam Gesser
Ottawa

A: Ten. The coverage is great. The energy is different when the Olympics are at home.

Traci Bednard
Edmonton

A: I thought it was a 10, and for me it got better as it went along ... It exceeded my expectations for what I thought the Olympics would be.



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Constellation makes bid for all Gladstone shares
Toronto-based Constellation Software Inc. says it is offering about $15.5 million in cash to buy the remaining 33.8 million shares it does not already own of Gladstone PLC, a U.K.-based company that provides software to health and leisure and educators. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brazil pulls beer ad featuring Paris Hilton

ADVERTISING Paris Hilton is too hot for Brazil.

A sultry beer ad featuring the socialite has been pulled after consumer complaints and a watchdog agency's investigation.

The television and Internet ad featured Hilton in a short black dress preening and rubbing a can of Devassa beer on herself.

Brewer Schincariol said in a statement yesterday it will defend the commercial, but is pulling it in the meantime.

Paris Hilton

Ad watchdog Conar asked that the ad be removed, noting regulations don't permit a beer commercial to treat women as overtly sensual objects. Many Brazilian beer ads feature women in bikinis — but in a beach setting, where such clothing is expected.

Devassa's Bem Loura (Very Blond) beer featured an Internet campaign with Hilton wearing lingerie and high heels, and supermarket displays featured her in the short, black dress. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Apple Suing Taiwan's HTC

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Apple is suing Taiwan's HTC, saying yesterday that the handset maker has violated 20 of its patents related to the iPhone. HTC Corp. was the first company to manufacture cellphones based on Google Inc.'s Android operating system, which has emerged as a significant competitor to the iPhone. It is also making the Nexus One phone that Google is selling directly to consumers.

CMHC warns of slowdown

Home prices may dip in 2011

The Toronto real estate market will continue to do well in 2010 before retrenching significantly next year, says a CMHC forecast.

Sales of new homes in the Toronto area are expected to rise 30 per cent compared with 2009, while existing home sales should be up 2.5 per cent, according to a report released yesterday by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.

"The rate of appreciation will slow down as you have higher mortgage carrying costs, less pent up demand and increasing supply pressures," said Ted Tsiakopoulos, Ontario regional economist for the CMHC.

36,000 The number of condominiums nearing completion in Toronto — it is not known what impact they will have on pricing.

A robust first half means the CMHC expects sale prices to be up significantly by 8.5 per cent over last year. The average price of a home is expected to be $430,000, a new record.

Despite the fall in sales, the CMHC still expects existing home prices in the Toronto market to rise by 2.5 per cent to $439,755.

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Domino's profit doubles after new recipes

FAST FOOD Revamped pizza and a frank advertising campaign helped Domino's Pizza Inc. more than double its fourth-quarter profit as curious customers tried out its new recipe, the chain said yesterday.

Executives said the chain decided to start overhauling its recipes 18 months ago after mounting criticism from focus groups and on social media sites.

And it boldly admitted in a series of documentary-style spots that under its old recipe, customers complained its crust tasted like cardboard and its sauce was reminiscent of ketchup.

That helped the company's profit climb to $23.6 million US, or 41 cents per share, for the three months that ended Jan. 3.

Domino's earned $11 million US, or 19 cents per share, a year earlier.

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Google hasn't decided on next steps in China
Google is still considering its next step in China – seven weeks after it vowed to stop censoring search results and to pull out, an executive says. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Recall? What recall?

Toyota Canada sales of maligned vehicles up

Toyota Canada's February sales were up more than 25 per cent from a year earlier, suggesting a massive worldwide recall had not significantly affected the brand's popularity in this country.

The company said yesterday it sold 12,693 vehicles last month, including 902 Lexus luxury vehicles. Lexus sales were up 26.2 per cent to their best February ever, while sales of Toyota-brand vehicles were up 25.2 per cent.

Several models that were involved in a recall of 270,000 vehicles in Canada due to sticky accelerator pedals — including the Corolla, Matrix and RAV4 — reported their highest-ever February sales. The Prius, which was involved in a separate voluntary recall over its braking system, also set a record for February sales.

Meanwhile, Ford Canada said it beat out rival General Motors to sell the most vehicles in Canada last month. The company said its sales jumped by 51 per cent year over year to 17,920, marking the automaker's ninth consecutive month of sales improvements and 16th consecutive month of market-share gains.

Honda Canada said it sold 8,917 vehicles in February, up 27 per cent compared to a year earlier.

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Toyota shows its new Auris at the 80th Geneva International Motor Show yesterday in Switzerland. The show opens tomorrow.

GM recalling cars to fix power steering

AUTOS General Motors says more than 256,000 Canadian vehicles are included in a recall to fix power steering motors for several compact models.

The voluntary recall of 1.3 million cars in the United States, Canada and Mexico affects the Chevrolet Cobalt, Pontiac G5 and the Pontiac Pursuit.

The recalls affect Cobalts from the 2005 to 2010 model years, Pontiac G5s from 2007 through 2010, as well as 2005 and 2006 Pontiac Pursuits.

GM says the vehicles are safe to drive and never lose steering, but they may be harder to drive when travelling slower than 24 kilometres per hour. It says the condition takes time to develop and tends to occur in older models.

The automaker is getting parts to replace the electric power steering motor and will notify customers when to bring their cars to dealers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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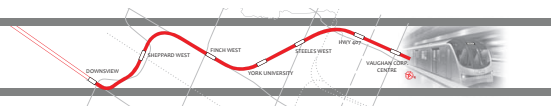

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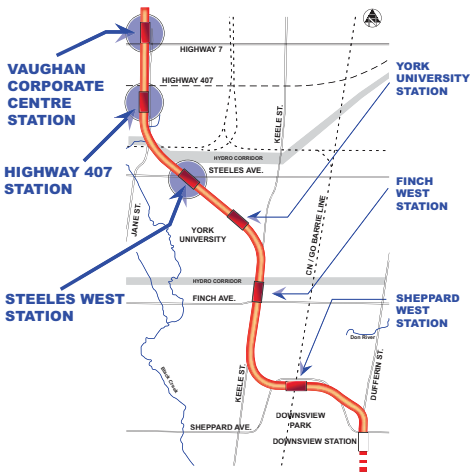

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Sports

LeBron giving up No. 23

LeBron James, left, is making good on his promise. James has filed paperwork with the NBA to change his uniform number next season to No. 6 from No. 23, the league confirmed yesterday. James said earlier this season he would be willing to give up No. 23 in an effort to have the league retire it in honour of Michael Jordan. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woods preps for return

No date set, but golfer has returned to practising, source says

Tiger Woods is closer to competing again.

Woods is back home after a week of family counselling in Arizona and is trying to get back into a routine that includes fitness and his first significant practice in 15 weeks, a person with knowledge of his schedule said yesterday.

Woods returned to his home near Orlando Saturday and has been hitting balls on the range at Isleworth, not far from where he ran his SUV into a fire hydrant and a tree in a middle-of-the-night accident Nov. 27 that set off shocking revelations of infidelity.

The person, who spoke on condition of anonymity because only Woods is authorized to release such information, said golf's No. 1 player still has not decided when he will return to competition.

Woods was photographed hitting balls at Isleworth Feb. 18, the day before he ended nearly three months of silence by speaking to a small group of associates at the TPC Sawgrass in a 13-minute statement that was televised around the world. Those photos of Woods were arranged to counter the paparazzi trying to follow his every move since Thanksgiving.

Woods has not practised in earnest since winning the Australian Masters in Melbourne Nov. 15 for his 82nd victory worldwide.

"I do plan to return to golf one day, I just don't know when that day will be," Woods said in his statement at Sawgrass. "I don't rule out that it will be this year."

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Tiger Woods, seen here in a 2009 file photo, has resumed practising golf, a source says.

Woods said he had attended inpatient therapy "for the issues I'm facing" for 45 days, from the end of December to early February. He said he was leaving the next day for more therapy, without saying what kind.

The person who spoke to The Associated Press said he went to Arizona for a week of family and marriage counselling with his wife, Elin.

Woods said at Sawgrass of his infidelity, "As Elin pointed out to me, my real apology to her will not come in the form of words; it will come from my behaviour over time. We have a lot to discuss; however, what we say to each other will remain between the two of us."

News of him getting back into a routine is sure to begin speculation when he might return to the PGA Tour. Woods announced Dec. 4 that he was taking an "indefinite break" to try to salvage his marriage.

To date, he has missed only two tournaments he typically would have played — Torrey Pines and the Match Play Championship — although he had been leaning toward playing Pebble Beach this year because it will host the U.S. Open in June.

Woods is not likely to play next week in the World Golf Championship at Doral, where he has won three times.

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Raptors hope for quick turnaround

It would be so much harder for them to cope with if they hadn't been through it before, so much more difficult to deal with if they were playing at full strength.

No, these are not good times for the Raptors at all — four straight losses, the last two when they were barely competitive — but if they've learned anything in the first three-quarters of the season, it's that things can turn on a dime.

Or on the return of a couple injured players and the chance to play teams that have less talent in the comfort of their home gym.

"We don't have to make a big deal about this, it's just a couple of bad losses, that's it," Jose Calderon said after the latest defeat, a 116-92 drubbing in Houston Monday. "We have to be ready. Hopefully, CB (Chris Bosh) is back, myself, too, and we're ready for Friday and just play basketball.

"It happens sometimes. There are always ups and downs and we're in a down now and as soon as possible, we have to get in an up part."

Sounds easy, doesn't it?

And at times this season, it has been.

After stumbling out of the block in the first 20 games, they got red-hot in the next 30 and moved up to fifth in the Eastern Conference standings.

The latest blip — four consecutive losses for the first time since late November — is understandable for a couple of reasons.

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Bosh's absence has been huge — it's one thing to beat teams like New Jersey and Washington without the all-star; quite another to face Portland, Cleveland, Oklahoma City and Houston — and several Raptors just aren't playing particularly well. But just as they resisted major change when things were going so poorly in the first quarter of the season, they seem content not making major alterations to either the starting lineup or the rotation.

And there's no reason for one of those soul-cleansing team meetings that helped turn around the 7-13 start.

"If we have a meeting now, it'll be with Scott," Triano joked, referring to trainer Scott McCullough. "When we were 7-13, we had no injuries. Now we have three-quarters of our top four who can't play. I don't see any reason to panic right now."

There does need to be some sense of urgency, though, because the Raptors are about to embark on a difficult month full of road games.

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Carolina Hurricane Brandon Sutter celebrates last night after scoring the Hurricanes' third goal against Toronto Maple Leafs.

Leafs resume play with ugly loss

NHL RESULTS

Hurricanes 5 Leafs 1

The Carolina Hurricanes downed the listless Toronto Maple Leafs 5-1 last night as both teams resumed their schedules after the Vancouver Olympics.

Chad LaRose — who returned to the lineup after missing the previous seven games before the break due to injury — had a goal and two assists for Carolina, while Tuomo Ruutu, Brandon Sutter, Jussi Jokinen and Sergei Samsonov also scored.

Justin Peters, making just his third NHL start, stopped every shot the Leafs threw his way until John Mitchell finally broke the shutout bid with five minutes to go in the third.

Meanwhile, Jean-Sebastien Giguere was shaky in goal for Toronto, allowing a pair of weak goals.

Leafs left-winger Alexei Ponikarovsky sat out last night's game.

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Poni a Pen?

- TSN was reporting last night that the Leafs have a deal in place to trade Alexei Ponikarovsky to Pittsbugh for Martin Skoula and Luca Caputi. **Get the latest trade info at metronews.ca/sports.**

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NBA

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston at Detroit
Golden State at Miami
Sacramento at Oklahoma City
Indiana at L.A. Lakers

Pro Bowl will take place before Super Bowl next year

The Pro Bowl will be played before the Super Bowl when it returns to Honolulu next year. The Hawaii Tourism Authority and the NFL announced yesterday that the game will be played at Aloha Stadium Jan. 30, the Sunday before the Super Bowl. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Romero gets the nod

Left-hander Ricky Romero will start the Toronto Blue Jays' spring training opener. Starting the regular-season opener, he says, is the farthest thing from his mind.

"You've still got to go out there and prove yourself and continue to do good," he said yesterday. "As long as I'm part of the rotation and I'm part of the 25 guys going out there and competing, I'm fine with that.

"It's going to finally be good to go out there and face a different team, see where you're at when they're swinging at you," Romero said. "I'm always going to be competitive, whether it's a practice game, an intrasquad game or a real game."

DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ricky Romero will start the Toronto Blue Jays' spring training opener. The Jays play the Detroit Tigers today.

The Blue Jays play Detroit today. For the first trip through the starting rotation, pitchers will be limited to two innings, manager Cito Gaston said.

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Next few months will be painful

TheHockeyNews

I'm glad Maple Leafs fans get to bask in the glory of Canada's stirring Olympic hockey gold medal — because, from now until next fall, it's going to be another nuclear (read: Radioactive) spring and summer.

With 20 games remaining and Toronto sitting last in the Eastern Conference standings, this year's playoffs obviously are out of the question for the Leafs. And the fruits of NHL losing — i.e. a top selection in the June entry draft — also are out of the question, both this year and next because of prior trades. So what's worth anticipating?

Well, there's a pair of key trading periods in which Leafs GM Brian Burke should be active. The first is today's trade deadline, where veteran winger Alexei Ponikarovsky (and perhaps star blue-liner Tomas Kaberle) will be moved for the best combination of prospects and draft picks offered Toronto's way.

If Kaberle isn't dealt today, he will be moved to another team at or after the draft, when his no-trade clause disappears until mid-August.

Those summer months — also home to the July 1 kickoff of unrestricted free agency — could be the setting for additional Leafs intrigue.

Granted, the UFA market is far from deep, meaning Burke will be hard-pressed to build up his wobbly group of forwards the way he did to the defence corps last year.

But perhaps the ideal time to deal Kaberle is immediately after the free agent market dries up. By then, Kaberle's $4.25-million contract will look like an even bigger bargain and should result in some desperate GM paying Burke a king's ransom.

Undoubtedly, the next few months will be painful for backers of the Blue & White. I'm talking doing-your-taxes-while-undergoing-invasive-dental-surgery painful.

Unfortunately — and as insulting as this appears to all those eyes that haven't seen a Stanley Cup parade in 43 years — Torontonians must have a little more patience.

There are kids worth watching in the development system. Phil Kessel and Dion Phaneuf are central to the future.

However, make no mistake — this always was going to be a lengthy battle back to respectability.

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Sports in brief

NHL Ray Emery's second chance in the NHL ended prematurely. The Philadelphia Flyers goalie needs surgery to repair his right hip and will miss the rest of the season.

BASEBALL A person familiar with the negotiations tells The Associated Press that the Arizona Diamondbacks and young all-star outfielder Justin Upton are closing in on a six-year contract. The deal would be worth just more than $50 million US, the person said yesterday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the contract has not been finalized.

NHL Ottawa has traded a second-round draft pick in this year's draft to the New York Islanders for defenceman Andy Sutton, a deal that Senators GM Brian Murray said was in the works for a few days.

PROBE Mets centre-fielder Carlos Beltran talked to federal investigators last week about a Canadian doctor accused of selling an unapproved drug and said he recommended the physician to teammate Jose Reyes. Beltran went to Toronto last summer seeking Dr. Anthony Galea's opinion on his bruised right knee, the all-star said yesterday.

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Royals reach deal with former top pick

Luke Hochevar, the overall No. 1 draft pick of the 2006 amateur draft, has agreed to a one-year, $1.7-million US contract with the Kansas City Royals. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Dwayne De Rosario, in yellow, leads his Toronto FC teammates in a jog yesterday as they began their local training at the Oakville Soccer Centre.

MLS commissioner says season will start on time

Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber is confident the start of the season will not be affected by a strike, while insisting yesterday that there won't be a quick-fix deal with the players.

The league's first collective bargaining agreement expired Thursday after the sides twice extended the five-year deal, which originally was to have run out Jan. 31.

The MLS Players Union failed to match league management's no-lockout pledge with a no-strike offer, leaving the start of the season March 25 in doubt.

"We will not lock them out, and we are confident they will not go on strike," Garber told The Associated Press at the SoccerEx convention yesterday.

"We will not make any decisions just to avoid a work stoppage. We've got to make decisions that will ensure the long-term financial success of the MLS, and I'm sure we will not make any decisions to prove a point.

"I don't think any of our players want to go on strike, and we are taking their issues very seriously. The expectations are that the season will start on time, and the expectation is that will be reach agreement with our players."

The Philadelphia Union plays at Seattle in the MLS opener March 25 and Garber acknowledges talks could go on until then.

"It's conceivable, but my expectation is not to be negotiating an agreement an hour before kickoff," Garber said. "I would describe these as big-league problems. Years ago we had nothing to fight about, so we didn't have labour issues." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More than $20 million for uWaterloo-led research projects

The Ontario government announced last Friday more than $20.8 million in grants from the Ontario Research Fund for six University of Waterloo-led research projects, which involve electrical and computer engineering and mechanical and mechatronics engineering. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Retired prof donates $12M to uSask

Last Friday, University of Saskatchewan professor emeritus Karim (Kay) Nasser announced a $12-million donation in the form of real estate to the university, making it the largest gift uSask has ever received. The value of the donation will be channelled into student awards, two new campus buildings, the college of engineering, and the business school, which is moving to downtown Saskatoon with the help of a previous donation. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Workology in **brief**

POTENTIAL FOR ATLANTIC CANADA-QATAR APPLIED RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS Last month, College of the North Atlantic held the first international applied research roundtable of its kind at its Qatar campus. Participating Atlantic Canadian institutions joined CNA's delegation and colleagues from several Qatar organizations in the signing of an Intent to Partner MOU. With this agreement, the Canadian signatories have a path to develop applied research partnerships with Qatar organizations.

QUEEN'S GRAD STUDENTS REJECT RECREATION CENTRE FEE In a recent referendum, members of Queen's University's Society of Graduate and Professional Students voted against a $112-a-year pledge to support Queen's Centre. Noting that the recreation facility has "drained the university's resources," a society vice-president says its executive has always been against the investment — $4.5 million over 10 years — because it felt it did not serve the need of its member students. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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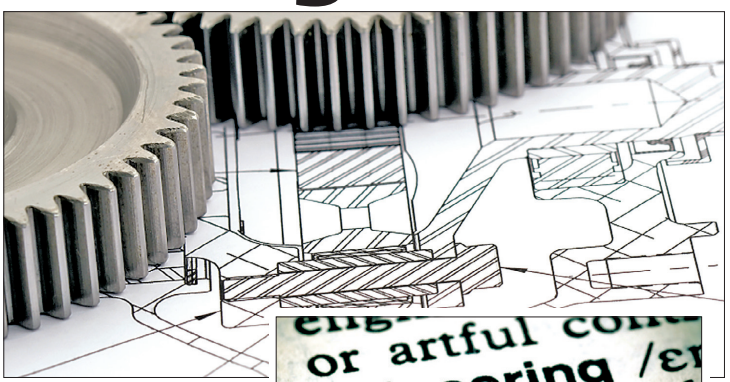

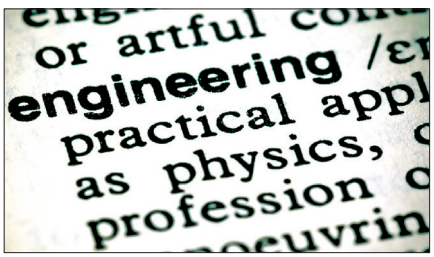

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JON TATTRIE
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National Engineering Month is focusing on youth this March, exploring how the children of today will "design the future" of tomorrow.

"Engineering is a draw for young people simply due to the fact that there are so many things that one can do and achieve as an engineer," NEM's chief executive officer Chantal Guay said in an email interview. "Young people are generally enthusiastic and full of life, having a desire to contribute and make a difference in the world."

Events across Canada will target kids aged eight to 14, showing them how modern engineering offers careers in software, civil engineering, mechanical engineering, agriculture and forestry. Guay said good grades in high school math and science are important, but engineering also requires creativity, imagination and communication skills.

"Not only are engineers contributing to the well-being of society and the public's quality of life, we are part of the solution to the challenges facing the country," Guay added. "Our work goes a long way to ensure that, for instance, the public is provided with sustainable infrastructure and has the adequate technologies and the means to adapt to climate change."

Engineers can also swing into action to provide much-needed help when disasters strike, such as the January earthquake in Haiti, or the more recent earthquake in Chile.

"Engineers' work shapes the way we live, work and play, and students can see what they can do in the exciting world of engineering by participating in National Engineering Month activities," Guay said.

Bruce Dunwoody, associate dean for engineering programs at the University of British Columbia, said young people drawn to engineering are strong in math and science and want to physically do something that makes a difference.

"They feel that through engineering they can have an impact on the world and help other people," he said. He pointed Engineers Without Borders and a student who spent his summer in Africa teaching villagers how to maintain earthen dams. Others have developed and install a "multi-functional platform," a diesel engine that can work as a water pump or flour grinder in poorer villages.

"We see students who are keen on the environmental side, but we also see students who are drawn to mechanical engineering — the ships and planes and cars," Dunwoody said. "There's a lot of potential, a lot of flexibility and a lot of challenges in the job."

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uAlberta Campus Saint-Jean students film "lip dub"
Inspired by UQAM students' popular lip-synching video, a student life co-ordinator at the University of Alberta's Campus Saint-Jean recruited more than 100 students to participate in a similar production. The staff member who spearheaded the project hopes the video gains some positive attention for uAlberta. METRO NEWS SERVICES

In the Den and life, the risk averse rarely succeed

Dragons' Den
Dianne Buckner

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Brett Wilson has handed out millions of dollars on Dragons' Den. The Saskatchewan born entrepreneur made a fortune in the oil and gas business, starting his own Calgary-based investment firm back in the '90s. And now he's become the deal-making king on the CBC reality show, where cash-hungry entrepreneurs pitch for investment money.

But Brett's willingness to take a chance on people has earned him ridicule at times from the other Dragons, who appear to believe Brett is a softie in terms of needing a solid financial return on his investments.

"Sounds like a deal for Brett," one of the other Dragons will sometimes snicker, when faced with a weak pitcher.

I think Brett is a softie — in a good way! "I get a return in my heart when I'm able to help someone step up their life," he told me, talking about the happiness he's seen on people's faces when he's delivered a cheque made out to their business venture.

But there's more to Brett Wilson than heart. This son of a car salesman didn't get a mansion, a jet-setting lifestyle and the ability to play in any industry he wants by being soft in the head. Brett has the guts to play the odds.

"I know I don't have to pick a winner every time," he says. "I know that out of 20 investments, 17 or 18 may not pay off. Two or three may carry the weight of all of them. And I'm quite comfortable with that."

He makes sense. Even in our own working live, we all know that we can't count on 100 per cent success in everything we do. And no one ever got ahead by playing it safe every step of the way. We have to take a chance sometimes, stretch ourselves a bit — hoping there's someone like Brett around, who is willing to look at the positives.

He's done that with his hiring policies also, saying he's willing to give good people a second chance — once deciding to employ someone who was fresh out of rehab for cocaine.

"I'm not afraid of people who've made a mistake," says Brett. "They have likely learned from it."

Maybe it's because he's been given the benefit of the doubt too at times.

"Certainly in my first job, they took a chance on me," he says.

Brett is in fine form on our latest episode. Tune in tonight to see what surprising deals the kind-hearted Dragon makes.

Dianne Buckner is the host of Dragons' Den and the weekend anchor on the CBC News Network. Watch Dragons' Den at 8 p.m. tonight on CBC.

CBC PHOTO
Among the Dragons, Brett Wilson has earn the reputation of being a softie, but he says he's just willing to take chances.

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Employers will likely check up on you online

STUDY A polished resumé and portfolio aren't the only tools advertising and marketing professionals need to land their next job. A new survey shows a sterling digital presence is important, too. Nearly three-quarters (72 per cent) of advertising and marketing executives surveyed by The Creative Group said they are likely to search for information about prospective hires online. Another 59 per cent review job candidates' LinkedIn profiles and 44 per cent check out their Facebook pages.

Advertising and marketing executives were asked, "When evaluating potential advertising/marketing hires, are you likely to view the candidate's…?" Their responses:

- Results of a web search using the candidate's name: 72 per cent
- LinkedIn presence: 59 per cent
- Facebook presence: 44 per cent
- Blog postings: 35 per cent
- Twitter presence: 23 per cent

"Because so many creative professionals are tasked with helping companies build positive reputations online, hiring managers want to see that prospective hires have been able to do the same for themselves," said Donna Farrugia, executive director of The Creative Group. "A digital footprint that adds credibility and highlights key strengths can be an enormous career asset."

Added Farrugia, "Creative professionals should view themselves as cohesive brands and make sure that all of the information published about them, from business cards to resumés to online profiles, is consistent and portrays an accurate and positive brand impression."

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Building your digital reputation

Definitely do's, definitely don'ts

The Creative Group offers some tips on digital reputation:

- Create employer-friendly profiles: Make sure the information you post about yourself on sites such as LinkedIn and Facebook showcases not just your personal interests and hobbies, but also your expertise, dedication to your field and ability to communicate effectively.
- Optimize your information: Help employers find you online by integrating key words that describe your skills, specialties and positions of interest into your profiles. For example, if you're an advertising copywriter specializing in the automotive industry, you might include terms such as "copywriter," "automotive," and "ad copy" into your profile.
- Design for an impact: Make sure all job-hunting materials have a unified look and feel, including online content. For example, you might create a Twitter background with similar design elements that appear on your resumé, business cards and online portfolio.
- Keep certain details under wraps: Use privacy settings effectively so information that you don't want employers to see won't show up in a search. Also, avoid publishing anything that could damage your reputation, even to an audience of friends. You don't want comments made in the heat of the moment to come back to haunt you.

Workology in brief

UVIC FAST-TRACKS DEGREE FOR DYING STUDENT Last Wednesday, Eva Markvoort, whose battle with cystic fibrosis is the subject of an award-winning documentary, received her fine arts degree from the University of Victoria from her hospital bed in Vancouver. When her sister Annie told a professor about Eva's failing health, the professor and several faculty members worked to grant Markvoort her degree within 24 hours. One of Markvoort's theatre professors said to the Victoria Times-Colonist that she is an inspiration. "We're incredibly proud to have her as one of our alumni." See 65redroses.com for more.

SOCIAL NETWORKS BECOME RECRUITING TOOLS OF TODAY'S INSTITUTIONS An article in Sunday's Toronto Star takes notice of a trend among post-secondary schools using social media to connect with prospective students. "Young people consume video; video are their currency," says the marketing director for the University of Toronto, which two years ago produced 52 video testimonials from students and professors for its website. "You don't just tell them U of T isn't impersonal — you show them."

GOVERNMENTS, FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SIGN MOU TO STRENGTHEN ABORIGINAL EDUCATION IN ALBERTA The federal and Alberta governments and the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs of Alberta signed an MOU last week pledging to bring graduation rates among Aboriginal youth in Alberta to the same level as the rest of students. Both governments plan to analyze existing funding protocols for First Nations education and explore new "strategic" funding opportunities. The MOU calls for an Indigenous Knowledge and Wisdom Centre to establish an "education expertise" hub for all of the province's First Nations.

CARLETON AND WLU PICK UP AWARDS Carleton University and Wilfrid Laurier University are just two of the Canadian winners in U.S.-based Higher Ed Marketing Report's 25th Annual Education Advertising Awards. Carleton's "Anything but Textbook" recruitment campaign earned a gold, silver, and bronze in the radio single spot, newspaper series, and total advertising campaign categories, respectively. WLU received a gold and bronze in the magazine single ad and internal publication categories.

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McMaster board to assess $40-million medical facility proposal

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No privacy when you're at work

WorkplaceLaw

Employees often get what they deserve. When they work hard, they get a bonus. When their service is long and meritorious, they may get a good severance package or pension. When they knowingly break their employer's rules, however, they often are fired for cause and get nothing at all. This is the tale of two employees who misused their computers at work and the consequences they reluctantly faced.

Claude Poliquin worked for Devon Canada Corporation for 26 years. When he was fired for allegedly accepting services from company suppliers and using the company's computer to view and transmit pornographic materials, he wasn't about to go quietly.

An Alberta appellate court recently reviewed the case against Poliquin, which included unchallenged evidence that he had read and understood Devon's code of conduct and that he had read and forwarded a number of emails that were described as pornographic and even racist. Despite Poliquin's position as a supervisor and previous exemplary performance reviews, the Court was not persuaded that he had any chance of winning his case and rejected his arguments following a preliminary motion. According to the court, the workplace is "not an employee's home" and Poliquin had no reasonable expectation of privacy in using his employer's computer.

One court recently ruled that the workplace is "not an employee's home" and therefore there is no reason to expect privacy.

Similarly, 14-year company veteran Gregory Backman had run into problems with Internet pornography before when he was caught viewing inappropriate websites but was not disciplined. However, when a company audit revealed that he had been surfing pornographic web sites for more than 10 hours in one month, he was fired.

Backman challenged his dismissal, claiming that since he had previously been caught misusing the Internet at work, without discipline, his employer, had effectively condoned his online habits and could not now rely on it as the reason for his firing.

Recently, however, a New Brunswick appellate court also rejected Backman's arguments, siding with his employer and upholding his termination for cause. According to the court, Backman's repeated viewing of pornography at work constituted a pattern of behaviour that "destroyed" his employer's trust in him as a supervisor.

These two cases ought to give employees pause. Canadian courts have little tolerance for employees whose computer habits expose their companies to liabilities. This is because in every province there is legislation that is interpreted as requiring employers to provide a harassment-free workplace. As well, given the potential risks to employers, it is clear that they can monitor an employee's use of computers, BlackBerrys or any other equipment that uses its servers — and they often can do so without notice.

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Metro Drive

2010's best of the best

Consumer Reports has named its Top Picks for 2010, the best all-around models in their categories based on performance, reliability and safety. The Lexus LS 460L won best car overall category. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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BMW pushes performance

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BMW is launching a higher performance version of the 2011 335i Coupe and Convertible, dubbed the 335is, in Canada and the US only. Huh? Usually the Europeans get all the fun stuff, so what's up?

Apparently North Americans buy a much higher percentage of hi-performance 3 Series (335i and M3) than Europeans, and since many here have their cars modified, a factory tuner version of the 335i was a viable consideration.

The current BMW 3 Series, which was launched as a 2006 model, sees a refresh for 2011, getting a new hood and fascia, recontoured grill, headlights with LED "corona rings" and eyebrows, reshaped side sills and LED taillights. You'll know the hotter 335is model by its black kidney grills, aggressive M Sport fascia, side skirts, high-gloss black mirrors and 5-spoke ferric grey 18" alloys.

Although you'll probably hear it coming first. The sport exhaust system broadcasts a deliciously fruity burble that escalates to a feral wail as the tach needle swings to the 7000 rpm redline.

Power is up 20 horses to 320 and torque jumps from 300 to 332 lb.-ft., available from 1500 to 5000 r.p.m. There is an additional seven second overboost of 370 lb.-ft. should your Reebok hit the firewall.

BMW will deliver a high-performance version — dubbed 335is — of its 3 Series later this year.

2011 BMW 335is

Type: Sports coupe/convertible
Price: Not available
Engine: 3.0L single twin turbo

Highlights

- More powerful that regular 3 Series i models
- Aggressive, stylish looks

A few hours of track time at the famed Estoril racetrack in Portugal proved the 335is Coupe to be exceptionally well balanced, communicative and very swift.

Where this power comes from makes for an interesting and slightly convoluted tale.

All 2011 335i models, save this "is" version, will get BMW's new 3.0L single twin-scroll turbocharged 300 hp straight-six with the trick throttle-less Valvetronic induction system. Because the "old" twin-turbo 3.0L engine (which makes exactly the same horsepower and torque) was more tune-able according to BMW, it continues its tour of duty here with enhanced mojo — mostly achieved via an increase in boost pressure.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard in the 335is — optional will be the excellent seven-speed twin-clutch DCT gearbox with steering wheel mounted shift paddles from the M3, without the M's multiple shift settings.

Take one of the most poetic handling rear-drive cars on the road, add a bit more power, lots more torque, a sports suspension, stiffer engine mounts, snug sport seats, functional rear diffuser, an M Sport steering wheel, and you arrive at a particularly special vehicle that expands on the 335i's considerable talents.

It is aimed at those who want more than a garden-variety 335i but can't make the financial or psychological leap to a 414 hp V8-powered M3.

We'll see the 335is Convertible first in early spring, followed by the Coupe a couple of months later.

No Canadian pricing has been announced.

Subaru Hybrid Tourer Concept

A Subaru hybrid at Geneva

CONCEPT Featuring the world's first "Boxer"-hybrid powerplant and Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive (AWD), the Subaru Hybrid Tourer Concept will make its debut at the Geneva Motor Show.

The car marries Subaru's design DNA with a spacious cabin accessed through elongated gullwing-style doors, and a sculpted body. The absence of B-pillars provides occupants with a less obstructed view of the outside world.

The innovative hybrid system uses Symmetrical All-Wheel Drive and a 2.0-litre horizontally opposed, direct-injection, turbocharged gasoline "Boxer" engine, allied to two electric motors.

The electric motors are powered by lithium-ion batteries with a 10kW item at the front and a 20kW unit at the rear. In normal driving conditions the direct-injection petrol engine is used, but at lower speeds and start-up, the rear electric motor drives the car.

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Wi-Fi is the new hp

AutoPilot

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Volvo recently unveiled a XC70 model wich the automaker billed as "the industry's first rear entertainment system (RES) with Windows XP, Wi-Fi, and a 500G hard drive."

Have you heard about this internet thing? Man, it's just not going away. Even the automakers are hip to it.

Seems every concept car we see now showcases some kind of futuristic entertainment system complete with flat screens galore and total Internet and satellite connectivity.

And these systems are usually integrated into in a spaceship like interior layout, where each passenger has their own "station."

Is this where we headed? Down a path where interaction with the outside virtual world is enabled and encouraged, and interaction with the other people in the car is gradually being branded as "so last century"?

Maritz Research conducts consumer feedback studies and clinics for many major firms. The company's VP, Chris Travell, told me that about four years ago, Maritz was engaged to by a luxury automotive brand, to ask its customers and potential customers which features they would like to see in those vehicles.

"It wasn't a huge surprise to us, I guess, but they articulated it very precisely. And it wasn't just one or two customers. It was a major theme that came out of that fairly large clinic — they were looking for Internet access in the vehicle."

Travell estimates that it will take "about three to five years" before we see Internet connectivity become a common feature in vehicles.

At the recent Chicago auto show, Volvo showed a one-off 2010 XC70 with something the automaker billed as "the industry's first rear entertainment system (RES) with Windows XP, Wi-Fi, and a 500G hard drive."

Volvo said it created the RES to gauge consumer reaction and to demonstrate what Internet connectivity could mean for backseat entertainment.

"It will take "about three to five years" before we see Internet connectivity become a common feature in vehicles."

The system looks virtually similar to Volvo's current RES, but with touch-screen navigation, and that all-important Wi-Fi connection.

The system obviously allows you to surf the Internet, email, and to connect to a home computer, to access to its stash of music, movies and games.

But if you don't have a stash of such stuff, Volvo and its content partner, Gracenote, have got you covered, and then some. Backseat passengers can browse and download as much music, videos and games as they desire (and you're willing to pay for).

You can also watch Mobile TV, navigate music collections "by mood,"and choose a celebrity voice to interact with you during your musical experience, among other things

To me all this sounds somewhat decadent, but also inevitable. The only possible conclusion to being connected is that everything must, at some point, be connected with everything. It wouldn't surprise me, for example, to learn that Stanfield's is working on Wi-Fi socks.

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Lab keeps tab on lightweight material safety

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Lightweight materials are essential to the auto industry: They're stronger than steel, and help improve a car's performance and efficiency.

But they also need to be proven, and that's the task of the Automobili Lamborghini Advanced Composite Structures Laboratory at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Here, lab director professor Paolo Feraboli oversees the process by which composites are destroyed, so companies know how they will perform in a crash. The laboratory is primarily dedicated to aeronautics; Lamborghini came on board to share the high quality of testing the lab performs.

"We focus on the catastrophic failure of composites, with carbon fibre in particular," Feraboli says.

"We have a variety of ways where we can induce damage in structures. We do not yet have a full understanding of how these materials fail, and this is why we do so much testing."

Composites are often the only choice for large structures, such as the one-piece barrel fuselage on the new Boeing 787.

"In aluminum, that would require 10 or 12 different segments, because you simply can't make that in one piece in aluminum," Feraboli says.

"We have the same situation at Lamborghini. For example, the rear engine bonnet for the Spyder would require 11 pieces of aluminum welded together, and it would have a hard time sustaining its own weight when lifted. In carbon fibre, we have two pieces and they're much lighter."

The lab creates "models" — mathematical calculations used to predict the behaviour of the material. The lab first develops the model, and then performs the actual crash test to validate the theory. The automaker uses these models at the earliest stages of the design process. "By the time you have the car built and ready to crash-test, you're already at the end of the project," Feraboli says. "If the car tests go wrong, you'll have to spend millions of dollars to change it. Without the models, you'd have to build (a car), crash it, and then change it. Lamborghini doesn't want to go that way; it's expensive and doesn't guarantee the right level of safety."

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Paolo Feraboli

Driving Force

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Plenty of zoom-zoom in Mazda3

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MODEL: 2004 to 2009 Mazda3
VEHICLE TYPE: Small sedan or 5-door
APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE: $7,500 to $13,000

HISTORY/DESCRIPTION: For years, the Mazda3 has sort of owned the market when it came to offering exciting style and performance in the small car marketplace. Available in the used market as a four-door sedan or five-door hatchback, the 3 is largely touted as the car that paved the way for a re-emergence of sporty small cars in the North American scene.

The 2010 model year saw a redesign, and the end of the line for the original Mazda3.

Standard 2004 to 2009 Mazda3 models came with two available engines and plenty of standard and unexpected options. Under the hood, look for a two-liter four-cylinder with 148 horsepower, or a 2.3 litre unit with output rated in the 160 horsepower ballpark. The larger engine was an option in sedan models, but standard in the 3 Sport five-door.

A five-speed stick was standard on all models, and a four or five-speed automatic was available–depending on the model. All Mazda 3's were front-wheel drive.

Shoppers can look for a used first-generation Mazda3 with equipment like a sunroof, heated leather seating, heated mirrors, xenon lighting and automatic climate control. The GX and GS represented base and mid-range models, respectively, while the GT designation was reserved for higher-end models with all the toys.

Note that air conditioning wasn't standard, so be sure it's present on the model you're considering if you want to keep cool.

A 2007 Mazda3

WHAT OWNERS LIKE: First-generation Mazda3 owners tend to rate styling, driving dynamics, performance and comfort the most highly. Owners of the five-door 3 Sport model also enjoy added versatility, cargo space and an underfloor organizer.

OWNERS HATE: Common complaints included interior squeaks and rattles, road noise, knee room, a narrow trunk opening and limited rear-seat legroom for larger passengers.

COMMON ISSUES: On a test-drive, ensure proper operation from all systems and features — including the air conditioning, stereo system, all windows, the sunroof and the power seat if so equipped. The audio display screen was known to fail over time, so be sure it's in proper working order too.

Check the condition of the brakes and tires. The latter can be pricey to replace, especially with the 18-inch wheels on board. Be sure the former owner isn't trying to sell you a worn-out set of tires or brake pads.

Check for clutch slippage with the manual transmission, and note any hard shifting from the automatic. If either condition is apparent, be sure to investigate why. If in doubt, a trip to a Mazda mechanic may save you a pricey repair bill down the line.

Most commonly-reported issue? Rust. Scrutinize the body of the used 3 you're considering for signs of bubbled paint, rust, or poorly-executed repairs or cover ups. Areas of concern, typically, included the lower part of the doors, and around the wheel openings. Look underneath, too.

THE VERDICT: Ensure that your prospective Mazda 3 is clean, well-maintained and rust-free, and you'll likely join a happy group of enthusiastic owners.

Actor Brandon Firla

Actor Firla sticks to his favourite animal

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Name: Brandon Firla

What's he famous for: The Canadian actor and comedian has starred in the hit legal sitcom Billable Hours, and currently plays Reverend Thorne on Little Mosque on the Prairie. He'll also be hosting the Best of the Fest Encore Show at Second City as part of the Toronto Sketch Comedy Festival this Friday.

His car: A black two-door 2008 Volkswagen Rabbit.

Why the Rabbit? Well, first of all, my favourite animal is the rabbit. And, I like a good city car, which the Rabbit is. Unfortunately, it's an automatic. Not my choice. My wife didn't want a standard. So, you know, gotta let the lady…

Have you taken any road trips? We've actually driven it across the country three times, from Toronto to L.A. We've logged a lot of miles on it. Actually in Texas, we almost lost our passenger side door on one trip. We entered a sand/snowstorm and we stopped at this gas station to get water and opened the passenger door, and it opened the complete opposite way from the sheer force of the wind. So now it doesn't quite close. It wasn't pretty.

What kind of driver are you? I guess I go between relaxed and aggressive. Now, as an expectant father, I've scaled back. Now I drive pretty much like an 80-year-old man. I'm definitely a little more cautious now than I used to be.

Dream car: I want one of each car, like Jay Leno. No, I've always had a passion for Volvos. Those are the cars that I grew up with and learned how to drive. I would go classic, old school Volvo station wagon. A battle tank station wagon.

A 2006 VW Rabbit similar to the one owned by Brandon Firla.

Heather Buchan is a Toronto-based journalist who has worked at Homemakers, Canadian Living, Canadian House & Home and, most recently, Hello! Canada, where she cut her teeth in the world of celebrities.

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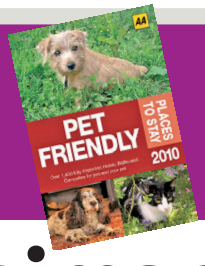

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Cancun re-claims spring break crown

Lower priced all-inclusive options driving 2010 recovery for gutted Mexican tourism industry

Mexico's spring break king — Cancun — is rebounding quickly from last year's triple blow to its tourism industry caused by the country's swine flu epidemic, drug violence and a global economic crisis.

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Cancun is rebounding quickly from last year's triple blow to its tourism industry caused by the country's swine flu epidemic, drug violence and a global economic crisis.

Those worries couldn't compete this year against Mexico's cheap airfare from the United States and Canada and phenomenal package deals that include popular all-you-can-drink enticements.

February saw 85 per cent of its 28,000 rooms filled, a sign of Cancun's speedy recovery from 2009, when one million fewer visitors came than in a typical year. The relatively high occupancy seen in February is expected to go even higher in March when more universities are on spring break. "We're back to normal levels after having seen tourism practically paralyzed last year," said Quintana Roo state assistant tourism secretary Dario Flota.

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Tourism experts expect 25,000 students from across North America to descend on Cancun this spring.

At the sprawling, palm-tree packed Oasis Hotel, a popular spot with spring breakers, visitors from the U.S. Midwest and Canada looking to shake the chill from a usually brutal winter dotted the beach where some took photos with monkeys while others danced to music pumped out from gigantic speakers.

Emma Duranti, a 20-year-old science major at Queens University in Kingston, Ont., decided to come to Cancun after comparing it to Jamaica and finding a better deal.

Duranti said she paid $1,040 for a seven-day, all-inclusive trip.

"I was expecting a good party but it went above and beyond," said Duranti while sunbathing with two other friends on the beach of the Oasis Hotel.

"There is always a party on the beach and you can party all day and party all night."

Tourism officials say they expect about 25,000 spring breakers to descend this season on Cancun's newly rebuilt beaches and turquoise blue ocean, compared to the 20,000 spring breakers who visited last year.

That's in addition to tourists of all ages who visit throughout the year. And not only is Cancun drawing them back but destinations across the country are seeing tourists return, despite a U.S. travel alert warning Americans to stay away from some parts, mostly in the northern border states, because of drug violence.

Tourists returning to Mexico

Lonely Planet's U.S. staff's top 10 list for 2010 put Mexico as the No. 4 destination for the new year, declaring that "H1N1 is so 2009" and that Mexico is "still a good bargain, easy to get to for most Americans" — giving a much-needed endorsement for Mexico's third largest source of foreign income. Tourism all but came to a halt in April 2009 when fear over the swine flu epidemic virtually paralyzed Mexico, forcing the closure of schools, restaurants and archaeological sites and restricted air travel to Mexico from some countries. Mexico's revenue from foreign tourism dropped 15 per cent to $11.3 billion from $13.3 billion in 2008, according to the Tourism Department. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Hong Kong takes on a life of its own at night.

NIGHTLIFE

At night Hong Kong comes into its own. There's horse racing at Happy Valley and even for those not interested in racing, take a trip there and watch their unbelievable passion for gambling.

Then there's the bars and nightclubs. A more sophisticated crowd gather in Lan Kwai Fong on HK Island at bars such as Post 97.

Wan Chai or Filthy Chai is Hong Kong's red light district, home to hookers and seedy strip clubs side-by-side with legitimate nightlife haunts like Carnegie's, but be careful of Tuesday's Free Vodka night. And many a traveller has taken refuge in the famous Joe Bananas bar and lived to regret the decision.

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Basil's Bar in Mustique sits on stilts and overlooks the Caribbean.

5 brilliant bar locations

Watering holes that stand a cut above the rest

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

Sometimes a great bar can turn going for a drink into an art form.

Metro found five of the world's best bars.

BASIL'S BAR
Mustique

Universally recognized as the most laidback bar on the planet. The bar, owned unsurprisingly by Basil, sits on stilts overlooking the Caribbean and is unbelievably cool. On any given night you are just as likely to find yourself drinking with a supermodel or a St. Vincent road-sweeper. The UN should move its HQ here. Basil says: "The bar is a leveler, whose mantra is to live in the moment as Basil does and enjoy the wonders of life."

And I think we can all drink to that.

(basilsmustique.com)

GOLD BAR
New York

It makes you realize what every self-respecting bar needs is hundreds of gold-plated skulls adorning the walls. This So-Ho New York bar has a revolving door celebrity clientele and is frighteningly cool.

METR WORLD NEWS

Gold Bar in New York is staple for Manhattan's elite.

But not in a laid-back Basil's way — in Manhattan "you better be beautiful, rich and thin" kind of way. But if you can face it, it's a genuinely amazing place to sample NYC high life. (goldbarnewyork.com)

LUTETIA BAR
Paris

Fabled Left Bank hang out of Parisienne inteligensia for 100 years. Sartre and De Beauvoir were among the generations of artists and writers who have sipped here. Today it's richly decorated belle époque interior still draws artists, journalists and writers and the history lends the bar a special atmosphere.

(lutetia-paris.com)

VOLUPTE
London

This little bar, described as a "supper club" is a fabulously decadent burlesque hang-out full of basque-clad women, fire-eaters, snake charmers and... Well you get the picture. The tables are very '30s Hollywood but the cocktails are bang up to date. Roxy Velvet's Murder! night is definitely not to be missed.

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The Tomato Festival in Bunol, Spain features the world's largest food fight.

Frolic at freaky festivals

Food fights, phallus worship and monkey buffets await

PAUL BALDWIN
Metro World News

METRO WORLD NEWS

March 16 is national No-Sex Day in Bali.

Looking for something a little different to do with your holidays?

Try attending one of these freaky festivals.

TOMATO FESTIVAL
Buñol, Spain
When: Last Wednesday in August
What: La Tomatina is he world's largest food fight — 30,000 people fill the town's main square hell bent on throwing as many tomatoes as they can. Tractors dump piles of overripe ammo on the streets and for 90 minutes it's as much fun as it's possible to have with a vine-ripened fruit.

MONKEY BUFFET
Lopburi, Thailand
When: The last weekend in November.
What: Love 'em or hate 'em you just can't ignore these ill-tempered simians.
That's the chief reason behind the Monkey Buffet. The town authorities decided the best way to placate the local monkey population was to lay out a delicious lunch including everything from peanuts to watermelon to crab washed down with cola.

NO-SEX DAY
Throughout Bali
When: March 16
What: OK, it's really the Balinese New Year which is supposed to be spent in total silence without the distraction of lights, television, radios, food, or sex. Security guards, patrol the streets to ensure the rules are observed.

THE ORANGE BATTLE
Ivrea, Italy
When: Feb. 13 - 16
What: The Orange Battle Carnival in Ivrea, Italy, sees people from all over the country come to throw oranges at each other. It's not all fun and games — those oranges hurt. The citrus-based battle represents a medieval insurrection against Rome.

FESTIVAL OF PHALLUS
Kawasaki
When: First Sunday in April
What: Kanamara Matsuri is a slightly disturbing celebration of the penis on the streets of Kawasaki. Actually a slightly-bastardized Shinto fertility festival in which the male member takes centre stage on huge floats, parades, even candy.

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New Zealand wine thriving

Lush landscape offers perfect backdrop for sipping Sauvignon

HANNAH SUMMERS
Metro World News

Some of the finest world's finest Sauvignon Blanc vines were literally stolen from France and used to establish New Zealand's now booming wine industry.

The French haven't forgotten and keep a wary eye on the antipodean upstart that now claims to make the best "savvy" in the world.

So when I asked Brett Bermingham if his over-familiar reference to great variety annoyed the French, his response, "why else would we do it?" was as predictable as the quality of the wine that he makes.

Brett is an assistant wine maker at Nautilus winery in Marlborough, South Island's Sauvignon Blanc heartland.

He learnt his trade at Cloudy Bay winery just down the road before joining Nautilus five short years ago.

As Brett was showing me around the winery on a balmy January morning, accompanied by what I can only describe as a "generous" tasting of sauvignon and pinot vintages, it was easy to imagine that the life of a wine maker was one of uninterrupted Baccanalian hedonism.

Not the case. Nautilus is as much the product of science and money — the firm having spent millions of dollars on automating the process with state-of-the-art equipment for de-juicing, decanting, fermenting and storing and Brett is so obsessed with the science that during the six-week harvesting window Brett sometimes charters a helicopter to sit over the vineyard and create a downdraft to disperse cold air.

But as Brett puts it, "It's not the technology or the clone, and it's not even our skill and hard work that is rattling the French. It's the Marlborough climate that makes our wines distinctive, and the French can't copy that."

And in a world where the wine drinking population is becoming more educated and more demanding it is inevitable that wine makers will utilise their specific strengths to stay ahead of the game to both create and to satisfy the market. Jancis Robinson, the famed wine reviewer, once described Pinot Noir as a "minx of a grape."

But Brett's description "I prefer to think of it as 'Cab in drag" is not just more colourful, it's also more indicative of the degree to which he has contributed to the success of Nautilus's Pinot Noir story.

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Visiting Jamaica's heart

If you're among the hordes of snow-weary Canadians flocking to all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean, it's easy to spend your week or two in the sun without seeing much of the country you're in.

SAM SIETSKA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Resort life is only one aspect of visiting a country.

You're surrounded by other tourists basking on well-groomed beaches and eating food often modelled on dishes you could have back home. Even those who venture away from the resort usually opt for guided tours. Still surrounded by fellow travellers, you get shown mountains or waterfalls, far removed from the daily routine of the locals.

But there is an alternative. Set up in 1968, the Meet The People program, run by the Jamaica Tourist Board, matches visitors with local residents who have similar interests for a low-key look at real island life.

When my wife and I signed up during a trip to Montego Bay this winter, we were paired with Erica, a middle-aged small-business owner, who picked us up in her mini-van and took us to her granddaughter's school.

Like the 300 other Jamaicans who take part in the program, Erica is a volunteer and is not paid for her time.

See life away from resorts

With no other tourists in sight, we were quickly immersed in the morning routine of life in Jamaica.

Granted, Meet The People is showing us a nicer part of Jamaican life. But Erica didn't shy away from talking about the problems her country faced and took us to rougher areas to show us. Later, when we returned to our gated resort and rejoined the hundreds of tourists from Canada enjoying cocktails and a buffet by the private beach. It's a nice resort with all the comforts of home, but it felt as if we had left Jamaica behind.

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NYC jazz festival returns

Jazz legend Herbie Hancock will be feted at a belated 70th birthday bash at Carnegie Hall that will highlight the revival of a major summer jazz festival in the Big Apple, scheduled for June 17-26.

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Herbie Hancock will be honoured at this year's festival.

The pianist, who will soon turn 70, will be joined by comedian Bill Cosby, saxophonist Joe Lovano, trumpeter Terence Blanchard, and saxophonist Wayne Shorter, Hancock's bandmate in Miles Davis' famed 1960s quintet, with more guests to be announced.

Hancock's birthday is April 12; the June 24 concert, Herbie Hancock, Seven Decades: The Birthday Celebration, will benefit The Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz.

"That will be a very exciting night — perhaps one of the unique nights in the history of the festival with a lot of people coming just to salute Herbie," the festival's producer, George Wein, said Friday.

The concert will be followed by a festival first — an old-time midnight jam session paying tribute to Hancock — at the City Winery nightclub.

CareFusion Corp., Wein has resurrected New York's flagship summer jazz festival, which he first launched in 1972. The festival was cancelled last year after Japanese electronics firm JVC withdrew its sponsorship.

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Entertainment

Jump Street
Johnny Depp — who became a reluctant 1980s teen idol thanks to his role on 21 Jump Street — said he is interested in the idea of possibly making a cameo appearance in the planned Jump Street movie. EW.COM

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Burton in Wonderland

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Twenty-five years after his first feature film (Pee-wee's Big Adventure) director Tim Burton has continued to defy categorization, delving into animation, comic books, musicals and ghost stories.

But one thing has remained constant: his focus on outsiders, from Pee-wee to Sweeney Todd to Batman to Beetlejuice. And in Disney's big-budget, 3-D Alice in Wonderland, Burton takes on one of literature's ultimate outsiders. Burton sat down with Metro to talk about growing pains and going 3-D.

Director Tim Burton's 3-D Alice in Wonderland open on Friday.

Q What made you want to take on Alice in Wonderland?

A All the other film versions always suffered from a similar problem: They were always very cold and about this precocious brat and a bunch of weird characters, and it always felt very distancing. And yet there's something about those characters that just stays in your subconscious. You look at Tom Petty videos and Jefferson Airplane and all these illustrators. It keeps coming up in other people's work.

Q What was the thinking behind the idea of making Alice older?

A The idea was setting her at this time in life when when you just don't feel right. You feel awkward. You don't feel like a child, you don't feel like an adult. It just felt really right from a psychological point of view.

Q How do you think Alice fits in with your history of outsider characters?

A It's more internal and more quiet, but I understood her in the sense of feeling that awkwardness at that time of life. It's kind of sad, actually. You don't really fit one way or another. There's that melancholy, and I related to that. You don't have to be a boy or a girl to have those feelings. It's universal.

Q What brought about the decision to make this in 3-D?

A It was presented to me. Disney said what about Alice in Wonderland in 3-D? The combination of the two, that hit me. It's not a gimmick. For me, it's just another element. You could do My Dinner with Andre in 3-D. It doesn't have to be in your face. It can be subtle. The medium is important. I held out for 10 years for Nightmare Before Christmas so it could be stop-motion. I could've done it in cell animation or other things, but that felt right. Ed Wood felt right to shoot in black and white. Because of the trippy nature of Alice and because of the spatial thing and how 3-D draws you into it, it seemed to fit.

Q You keep coming back to work with Johnny Depp and Helena Bonham Carter.

A I don't go out of my way to do that too much. With Johnny, we would never go, "Let's just work together to work together." It's too important to try to do something good to do that. And I'd say the same with Helena. I wouldn't work with her just to work with, because actually it's harder. But you know, when she's right for something you want to give her the benefit of the doubt. And she's good. I enjoy her performance in this.

Polley pulls name from new film

FILM Canadian director Sarah Polley is pulling her name from a short film she made that is set to air during the Academy Awards broadcast this weekend.

The Toronto-based filmmaker says The Heart was crafted to promote the Heart and Stroke Foundation. But she says in a release that she's learned her work will also promote a product when it the airs during one of the award show's commercial breaks.

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Middle Earth in 3-D

Guillermo Del Toro has hinted that The Hobbit could be in 3-D. The director has taken over the reigns from Peter Jackson and after the success of Avatar discussions are underway about possibly making it 3-D. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Televisions' pregnant pause

More than a few programs see taking their shows to the maternity ward risky

DOROTHY ROBINSON
For Metro US

This week, America's favourite co-workers-turned-lovebirds, Jim (John Krasinski) and Pam (Jenna Fischer) , will celebrate the birth of their faux offspring in a special one-hour baby episode of The Office.

"I'm getting a bunch of mail, like, 'I can't wait to see you guys have a baby, because we're expecting', so I feel like we're growing up with our fans," says Jenna Fischer about the event.

Not since Rachel Green (played by Jennifer Aniston) became pregnant on Friends has a TV birth been so eagerly anticipated. And considering that happened on 2002, it's been a while since a character on a popular sitcom has been seen procreating. Since most women do choose to have children, it's interesting that pregnancy is such a missing element in today's comedies.

"In sitcom land, we prefer watching women with no real responsibilities."

"Pregnancy has never been viewed as sexy," says Melissa Camacho, a professor of broadcasting at San Francisco State University. "When Rachel had her baby, it wasn't a huge plot point."

As Sheryl Bowen, an associate professor of communications at Villanova University, puts it, "Television has an inability to show women in more than one role at more than one time."

Female characters on TV are either sex goddesses, mothers or high-ranking professionals; rarely do all three align. And in sitcom land, we prefer watching women with no real responsibilities.

As for Pam and Jim's baby, Camacho doubts it will become too much of an interruption on the show.

"The focus will not shift to (Jim and Pam as) a just-married working couple whose lives have just changed forever," she says. "It's doubtful that a baby will be seen sitting at a desk, just typing away."

GETTY IMAGES
Jenna Fischer and John Krasinski

Other TV pregnancies

Both Jennifer Aniston and Jenna Fischer just played pregnant women on TV — they had no babies of their own. But when lead actresses do become pregnant, it can mean different things for their characters.

- When actress Mary Kay Stearns became pregnant in 1948, writers incorporated it into her show, Mary Kay and Johnny, making it TV's first on-screen pregnancy.
- Perhaps the most groundbreaking on-screen pregnancy was that of Lucille Ball on I Love Lucy. TV execs didn't think pregnant women should be shown on TV but they decided to correspond the airing of Lucy Goes to the Hospital (the episode when she gives birth) to coincide with her real-life delivery of son Desi Arnaz, Jr.
- When Law & Order: Special Victims Unit star Mariska Hargitay was due with her son, she was written off the show until she wasn't showing — her character's absence was explained by saying she went undercover for the FBI.

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Oscar's hair-dos

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

"Tell me, darling. Who are you wearing?"

It's Oscar night's endless red carpet refrain.

But with all the attention lavished on colour, fabric and designer, celebrity hairstylist Jie Matar has some stark advice for Sunday's podium-bound stars.

"The first thing you look at on the red carpet is hair," says Matar. "And if the hair doesn't work, you can forget about the rest."

He's not kidding. Remember the beautiful pale pink Reem Acra gown Jennifer Lopez wore to the 2002 Oscars? No? That's probably because the tortured poodle standing to attention on her head made it impossible to retain anything south of her neckline.

Though serious hair missteps like Lopez's are uncommon, Matar offers a few winning tips to make the tresses of any golden girl positively gleam — and change the mantra to: "Tell me, darling. Who did your hair?"

GETTY IMAGES
Cate Blanchette

STYLE: SIMPLICITY REIGNS
We need to get away from prom hair! Most of the time, the actresses don't use their regular stylists because they get overwhelmed and that's where they make mistakes.
I like to see simple updos: chignons and twists that suit the actress's bone structure. And the simpler the better. Sometimes I like to see nothing more than a sleek ponytail if the dress is too avant garde.

Kate Winslet

COLOUR: BRONZE GODDESSES
I prefer gold shades for the Oscars. Copper hair is very in again for spring and summer. It's about engaging with the public and being as simple as possible. And what I love is healthy, shiny hair, which we haven't seen in a while.

Hollywood Votes
Academy Awards

DREAM CELEBRITY: SANDRA BULLOCK
I would love to see (Best Actress nominee) Sandra Bullock in a very simple, chic hairstyle. I would slick it all back to expose her unique face. No bangs because bangs take away from her. And I would love to have a braid on the side and twist the braid to make it look like a seashell, putting a unique crystal accessory in her hair as a compliment.
Check out some of Jie Matar's work at jiematar.com

Sandra Bullock

Award-winning makeup tips

We all know Rita Hayworth gave good face. But what about her Hollywood successors? Veteran make-up artist Dino Dilio has the scoop on some of the red carpet "face work" we'll be seeing this year and how to grab the look for your own Oscar party.

SKIN: Glowy skin is in for both face and body. Gone are the days of mid-'90s spackled sparkle, but Dilio recommends a subtle shine using MAC Strobe Cream ($38), which goes underneath your foundation and reflects the light.

EYES: Smoky eyes are still de rigeur for a sultry stare, but trendsetters have swapped their blacks and greys for metallic hues like gold and bronze. Dilio suggests placing just the smallest amount of glitter (like Sephora Glitter Shimmer Pots, $10), on the inside corner of the lid to capture light from the flash bulbs.

LIPS: Actresses have been softening their makeup because it makes them look younger, Dilio reveals, but when it comes to Oscar night, a classic red lip is still the go-to shade. Try Clinique Angel Red ($18).

JORDANA DIVON/FOR METRO CANADA

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Leno gets warm welcome: Ratings

Jay Leno

RETURN Nielsen says Jay Leno got a warm welcome from viewers with his return on Monday to The Tonight Show

Preliminary Nielsen Co. ratings from 56 metered markets across the nation give NBC's Tonight Show with Jay Leno a 5.4 rating and a 14 per cent share of the viewing audience. That compares with a 3.4 rating and eight share for ABC's Nightline, and a 3.0 rating and eight share for CBS' Late Show with David Letterman.

After 17 years, Leno left Tonight last May.

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In brief

PEOPLE Film critic Roger Ebert tried out his new voice on The Oprah Winfrey Show as he made his Oscar predictions. Ebert lost his ability to speak after surgery for cancer. But computer programmers at a Scottish company captured the sound of his voice from DVD movie commentary tracks.

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Lady A leads awards

McEntire announces country music nominees

An astounding run keeps getting better for Lady Antebellum.

Already buoyed by the crossover success of its latest album, the country trio learned it's up for seven Academy of Country Music Awards when nominations were announced yesterday.

Miranda Lambert and Carrie Underwood are next with six nominations, Taylor Swift has five and Kenny Chesney and Brad Paisley each have four.

The nominations were announced by Reba McEntire and Blake Shelton on CBS' The Early Show.

The Zac Brown Band and its frontman also had a big haul with the band receiving four nominations and Brown taking two more individually.

Lady A received five nominations alone for the gravity-defying hit Need You Now, including single record, song and video of the year, and is up for top vocal group and album of the year for its debut, Lady Antebellum.

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Dave Haywood, left, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelley, of Lady Antebellum. The trio is up for seven Academy of Country Music Awards.

The run for Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood started last July when I Run To You hit No. 1. The band picked up two Country Music Association Awards in November and both the single Need You Now and the album of the same name have exceeded sales expectations.

Underwood, Chesney, Swift, Paisley, the Zac Brown Band, George Strait, Keith Urban and Toby Keith are nominated for entertainer of the year, the top honour given out at the April 18 awards in Las Vegas.

Underwood's going for her second straight entertainer award, one of five categories voted on by fans. She would become the first woman to win two entertainer awards if she wins again.

She's also up for what would be a fourth straight top female vocalist award — with Swift, Lambert, McEntire and Lee Ann Womack — and album of the year for Play On.

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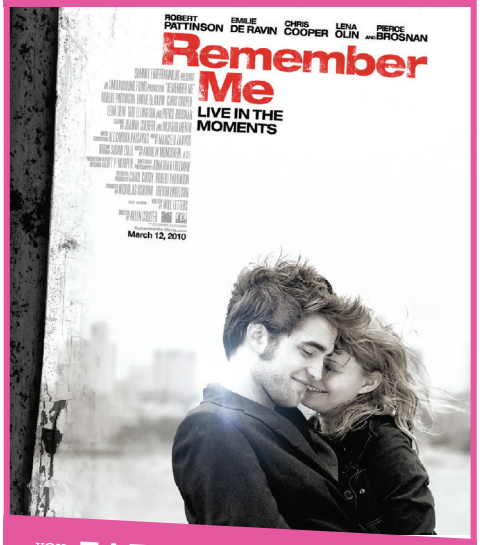

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Cattrall takes on politics

SATC actress teams up with Polanski for The Ghost Writer

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While she may be a star of one of those most well-known and successful franchises in TV and film history, Sex and the City star Kim Cattrall was still more than a little starstruck at the prospect of working for director Roman Polanski in his latest film, The Ghost Writer.

"It's unbelievable," she says, speaking to Metro by phone from London, where she's starring in Noel Coward's Private Lives in the West End. "My agent called me and said, 'Roman wants to talk to you.' I was like, 'What? Roman Polanski is going to call me. OK.'"

The stage and screen veteran found the equally celebrated and scandal-prone director charming. "He's incredibly witty and funny," she says.

"He's got a cheeky sense of humour. He's also tough. Sometimes he seems impossible to please. But he's a perfectionist, and perfectionists can drive you insane, but they can also inspire you to work incredibly hard."

Kim Cattrall and Ewan McGregor star in The Ghost Writer.

Cattrall insists she didn't mind Polanski's taskmaster tendencies. "The stakes were high all the time. We would shoot some scenes initially in 40 minutes. If we didn't get it in 40 minutes within five or six takes, we weren't going to get the scene," she remembers. "It literally was like a machine, and he was the leader of it. It felt sometimes like going into battle, and he was our leader."

In The Ghost Writer — in theatres Friday — Cattrall plays Amelia Bly, the inscrutable personal secretary to former British Prime Minister Adam Lang (Pierce Brosnan). To prepare for the part, Cattrall went right to the source.

"I contacted someone in Gordon Brown's administration who'd basically done that," Cattrall says. "She was really helpful in delving into Amelia Bly. This is a woman who really didn't have a personal life. Her life is Lang. She really is the wife. She sets everything in motion. Nothing moves without her."

"(Roman Polanski is) a perfectionist, and perfectionists can drive you insane, but they can also inspire you to work incredibly hard."
Kim Cattrall, actress

And though she enjoys dramatic work such as The Ghost Writer, Cattrall says she's reveling in returning to comedy, both onstage in London and later this year in Sex and the City 2 — though the theater has a distinct advantage.

"It's great to make people laugh. I did it on Sex and the City, but I didn't ever get to hear the laughter because it's on a DVD or TV, she insists. "But what's great about this show is it's instant. I love being in front of a live audience."

Brosnan on playing a PM

Pierce Brosnan plays a a British Prime Minister facing a possible war crimes prosecution in Roman Polanski's new movie The Ghost Writer. Metro recently spoke to him about the role:

Q **Your character, Adam Lang, is like Tony Blair, isn't he?**

A When I met Roman Polanski in Paris, I asked him if I were to play Tony Blair and he said no! But it's difficult not to be influenced by him and while reading the script I became interested in his universe, so that I could give, if not an imitation, an impression of Tony Blair.

Q **Polanski only wanted you for this role. Did he tell you why?**

A I never asked him I was just happy to work with this wonderful director.

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The Colony
With Joey out of commission thanks to a kidney stone, a new arrival takes the other colonists by surprise. Mike and Vlad set out on a recon mission that soon turns dangerous when they meet another group of survivors in a trailer park who take them for thieves. Also in this new episode, Morgan and Allison attempt to build a dirigible to hold a surveillance camera. 8 PM on DIS

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Phillips makes up mind, then changes it

The 18-year marriage between Billy Baldwin, left, and Chynna Phillips almost came to an end last week when Phillips filed divorce papers, but within days, she changed her mind and withdrew the filing, popeater.ca reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Amy, Blake seen smooching

PERHAPS SHE SHOULD GO TO REHAB FOR BAD RELATIONSHIPS Don't look now, but Amy Winehouse is back lip-locking with ex-husband Blake Fielder-Civil, people.com reports.

The couple, who divorced last summer, cozily ate some tapas at Jamon Jamon, which has been a regular haunt for Winehouse, 26, in Camden, north London, Sunday. Friends of the singer say there is nothing formal being discussed between the two, who have only seen each other a handful of times since he left jail last year. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Allen's dog gets roughed up

THOSE BRITISH BULLDOG CAN BE PRETTY TOUGH A vicious attack on Lily Allen's dog Mabel gave the singer a real scare, forcing an after-hours emergency run to the vet, popeater.ca is reporting. But all is well for Mabel, and Allen tweeted a picture of her bandaged dog. "Mabel got beaten up by bigger dogs," Allen tweeted. "She went to doggy hospital, but she's ok."

A passerby at Allen's North London neighborhood vet saw the popstar and her boyfriend Sam Cooper keeping vigil long after the attack and long after the clinic had closed to the public. "She was doing a lot of pacing in the window," the witness tells PopEater exclusively. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Twilight stars get touchy feely

I WONDER IF PATTINSON GAVE STEWART A LITTLE BITE ON THE NECK? Twilight co-stars Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart continue to get attention for their suspected relationship. The pair showed up at a New York City restaurant over the weekend with friends, but might as well have been all by themselves, sources tell Gatecrasher.

"Robert and Kristen sat really close together and kept touching and rubbing each other's arms as if no one else was around," a source says. "They definitely appeared to be an item." METRO WORLD NEWS

Lohan slacked off at rehab

GRADE: INCOMPLETE Lindsay Lohan admits a few of her stints in rehab might not have been so successful because she didn't fully commit to them.

"The second two times I went to rehab, to be honest with you, I had to go because it was a court thing. It was an obligation. I had to do it to stay out of getting any jail time," Lohan tells Britain's OK! Magazine, saying that she found the visits relaxing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Osbourne says she lost weight herself

AND ALL THE DANCING WITH THE STARS TRANING DIDN'T HURT EITHER Kelly Osbourne is thrilled with her new svelte figure, but she's not so thrilled with critics suggesting she got it the easy way.

"The rumours are ridiculous. They send out the wrong message because I've shaped up working hard for months — it wasn't a quick fix," she writes in her column in Closer magazine. "Someone even said I've had a gastric bypass! I have 100 per cent not had any of that. I've lost weight from my face, and that's why it looks different."

And the former reality star is quite candid about why she hasn't gone under the knife. "I can say with confidence that the only time I've been in a plastic surgeon's office was with my mum, and though I wouldn't rule it out when I'm older, right now I couldn't even do it if I wanted because of my past addictions — I couldn't take the medication they put you on." METRO WORLD NEWS

Murphy's will leaves her hubby nothing: Report

BRITTANY WAS OBVIOUSLY A MAMA'S GIRL Brittany Murphy — who died after a battle with pneumonia Dec. 20 at age 30 — didn't leave a dime to husband Simon Monjack, usmagazine.com reports. She left her entire estate to her mother, Sharon, according to TMZ.com.

The site reports that years before Murphy wed Monjack in 2007, she handwrote a will leaving her mother everything. The will was stored in her manager's safe.

Monjack wasn't surprised he was left out. He tells TMZ that before they wed, the actress' formal will, along with a trust, was drafted.

At his request, the will specifically stated, "I am married to Simon Monjack who I have intentionally left out of this will," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gaga says she is celibate

MAYBE THE JONAS BROTHERS CAN GIVE HER A PROMISE RING? Lady Gaga has made an art form of skimpy outfits, but at the moment it's all for show. The pop star says she is currently single and celibate, people.com reports.

"I haven't got time to spend on the road to get to know anyone," she told reporters this week at MAC cosmetics' Viva Glam event in London, reports the U.K.'s Mirror.

"Even Lady Gaga can be celibate. You don't have to have sex to be loved."

The singer, 23, who arrived at the event in a sexy see-through black lace dress, may be abstaining — but that doesn't preclude her from offering opinions about what goes on in the bedroom.

"Sex should be fun, beautiful and colorful, but women get the short end of the stick," she says. "We're just receivers. We can't talk about sex, we can't sing about sex." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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VIRGINIA MADSEN is having some fashion issues, **LINDSAY LOHAN** an can't make it through an Emilio Estevez movie, **KARL LAGERFELD** gets serious about not being serious, and **JOHN MAYER** knows his limits.

@madlyv Fitting for my Oscar gown! But where can I hide my iPhone?

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@Karl_Lagerfeld Fashion does not have to prove that it is serious. It is the proof that intelligent frivolity can be something creative and positive.

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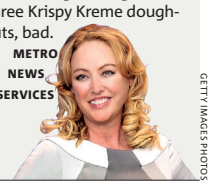

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Simpson blasts Mayer on Oprah

SOBER TALK Jessica Simpson strikes back at John Mayer over his unchivalrous comments about her in his recent Playboy interview. "I don't want people to know how I am in bed," Simpson tells Oprah Winfrey during a visit to her talk show airing in today, according to Us Weekly. Simpson and Winfrey also discuss how the singer is affected by negative comments about her weight. METRO WORLD NEWS

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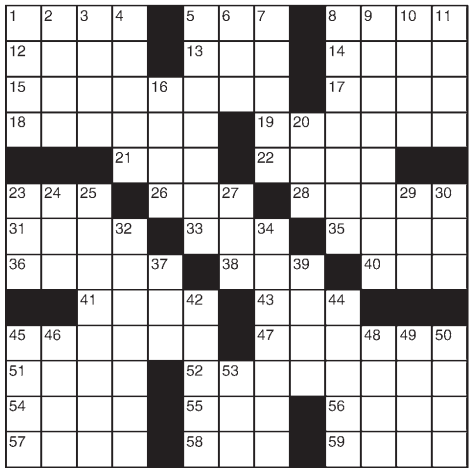

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Sudoku

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Garlic Seafood Pasta

INGREDIENTS:

14 oz (400 g) linguine
2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
3 garlic cloves, crushed
4 tbsp (60 mL) dry white wine
1/2 lb (250 g) cherry tomatoes, quartered
2 packs frozen cooked seafood mix
3 tbsp (45 mL) ricotta cheese
1 oz (30 g) fresh flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped

METHOD:

1. Cook linguine according to pack instructions, until al dente.

2. While pasta is cooking, heat oil in frying pan. Add garlic, then stir in wine. Simmer 1 minute; stir in tomatoes. Add seafood and return to simmer. Cook, stirring occasionally, 4 minutes, or until tomatoes have started to soften and seafood is thoroughly heated. Stir in ricotta cheese, heat gently and season to taste.

3. Drain pasta and turn into warmed serving bowl. Spoon sauce over pasta. Add parsley and gently toss until thoroughly combined. Serve immediately.

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APRIL 21-MAY 21
The last few days have been hectic. Fortunately, today's Mercury-Saturn aspect will help you cut your workload down to manageable proportions.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Some things take longer than others to get going, so don't worry if you seem to be getting nowhere. You are building the foundations for future success.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Life may seem a bit dull at the moment but don't let that fool you. There is a lot going on behind the scenes and it won't be long before you are busy.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
For some reason you seem determined to force a confrontation, but that's the last thing you should be doing. Keep a low profile and stay out of harm's way.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Just because a friend or work colleague isn't saying much at the moment does not mean they no longer like you. It's no big deal.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Get going on that you have a huge backlog of chores that need to be dealt with. Start on them today and don't stop until you have finished.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
It does not matter why certain things have happened. What matters is that you accept them and make the best of them. Keep your attitude positive.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
You want everything to be in its proper place and you will work hard to make sure there are no loose ends or bits and pieces you might accidentally trip over.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Spell everything out in plain and simple language today. The people you are going to be dealing with are simply incapable of understanding big concepts.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Don't give too much away. That applies to money, of course, but it also applies to what you tell other people about your plans for the future.

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